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# The kind of a job you need never worry about

The most desirable positions in the United States are offered to ex-service men in preference to all others. Good pay, excellent working conditions and splendid chances for advancement.

I was talking to a friend of mine the other day who asked me what I was doing. I told him I was working for the government; and he pitied me. He said, "Why, you can't be getting much money, then." I said, "It may not be as much as you are earning but I at least know that I get it."

Then I questioned this friend of mine. I asked him how much he was earning and he told me "\$65 a week." For a moment I felt a little bit envious. Then he added, "but we are on strike now and have been for the last two months." I immediately began to feel sorry for him. So we went to a nearby restaurant, had a bite to eat and after lunch I talked things over with him in a serious way, and here is the result of our conversation.

I found that while he was down on the payroll at \$65 a week, he never really knew from week to week whether his salary would continue. During the last year he had been out of work nearly six months, wages had been reduced generally in his line from \$65 to \$50, and he felt reasonably sure that the strike would be lost and that probably he too would have to go back to work at \$50 a week or less.

He also explained that there was a slack season in his line, which means that a great many people are laid off from time to time. Occasionally he is out of a job altogether.

But worst of all this fellow told me that he was always in a state of uncertainty. He never knew just where he stood. If he obligated himself in any way for various purchases he never felt sure of being able to meet these obligations. For

instance, he never felt sure that he could pay his life insurance premiums or his rent. Saving money had been entirely out of the question. He didn't know what a vacation with full pay meant. Any vacations he had taken had been forced vacations without pay; and he lived in mortal fear of his boss.

I admit that during the war when wages were going sky-high I felt a little bit sore at what I thought was the small pay given to government employees. When I donned khaki I didn't care what wages were, but when I got back and began to look around, I decided that the best thing for me to do was to go back to work for Uncle Sam.

Then came the slump in business all over the country. My friends who had been feeling sorry for me began asking questions about the government service, and I told them what I knew about it. I told the same story to my "\$65 a week" friend. I explained to him that, first of all, ex-service men were given preference in the examinations. I told him that the salaries averaged as high or higher than in most privately owned concerns, when figured by the year. For instance, some government positions pay \$1600 to \$2300 a year to start.

We work eight hours a day, get two weeks' vacation with full pay every year, have a liberal allowance for sickness and excellent chances for advancement. In fact, in a great many divisions of the government service salaries are increased automatically each year. But as I explained to him, one of the nicest things about working for the government is the peace of mind that comes with the assurance that your job is secure. It is against the Civil Service regulations to discharge a man for any political or personal reason. You needn't worry about a crusty boss who may take a dislike to you; and, of course, you needn't worry about strikes or lockouts. Moreover, there is always a possibility, if you are deserving of it, to step into jobs paying as high as \$10,000 a year.

I told my friend that government examinations were held from time to time in various cities for the purpose of securing Railway Mail Clerks, city mail carriers, R.F.D. carriers, Post-masters, Custom

House and Internal Revenue clerks, and men for every department of the government.

And I advised him as I advise readers of The American Legion Weekly to take some special instruction in order to be sure of passing the Civil Service examination with a high rating, as men are selected according to their grading. And there is one man in the United States who is particularly well qualified to give this special instruction. That man is Arthur R. Patterson, Principal of the Patterson Civil Service School of Rochester, New York, who for eight years served as a United States Civil Service Examiner.

The knowledge required of Civil Service men is of a peculiar nature, and it is good judgment to be posted before taking the examination, as even college men are stumped if they are not posted, and men who have not even been through school have come through with flying colors because they have been posted.

I advise every reader of The American Legion Weekly who wants to get into a good, solid job that he doesn't have to worry about to write to Arthur R. Patterson whose address is 635 Wisner Building, Rochester, New York, for his book, "How To Secure a Government Position," and read all about the opportunities offered and the simple system of instruction given by Arthur Patterson. It is interesting also to note Mr. Patterson's guarantee to refund any money paid him if you don't secure a position under the terms of his agreement with you. Just send a post card. Do it now, as examinations will probably be called soon and you certainly want to be ready. Just send the form below or write a letter or a post card.

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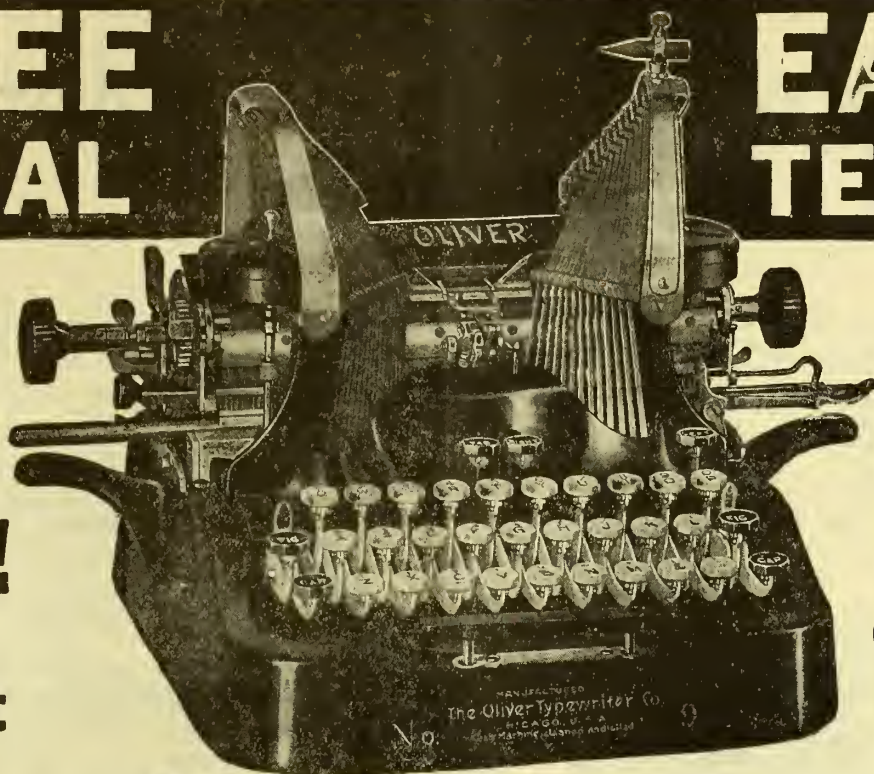
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## What the Legion Means to Our Town



By A. E. Peterson, M.D.  
Mayor of Toluca, Illinois

**MAYOR PETERSON**  
*in this article speaks  
not alone for Toluca, Illinois,  
but for Anytown,  
Anystate. His report on  
the Legion as he finds it  
actively engaged in making  
Toluca a better place to  
live in could be duplicated  
by thousands of city officials  
throughout the land. "No  
one organization in the  
whole community," he says,  
"comes within many degrees  
of being so active, of  
accomplishing so many  
worth-while results."*

**O**URS is a community not so tremendously different from thousands of others throughout the United States. We are in down-state Illinois, far enough from any big city so that we are not even semi-dependent on it. We have about 2,500 people. Their livelihood is derived chiefly from five sources—mining coal, income from farms tilled or rented, dealing in the commodities which the first two classes produce and consume, a cement factory, and a factory making tools, dies and automobile parts.

Probably our local coal mine is responsible for a rather heavier proportion of foreign residents than is typical of most American cities of our size. But, taking it all in all, our community is just about the average American town which is reasonably, but not unduly, prosperous. Our local residents are not, I venture to say, five percent off the composite average of all the dwellers in small American towns; so our experience, which I am going to describe, is not very far from typical of what the average American community can expect from a well organized and efficiently conducted post of The American Legion.

First let me say that I am not a member of the Legion; the reason for that is that I am not eligible for mem-

bership. If I could be, I certainly would be a member. But for the purposes of this article, perhaps it is just as well that I am not a member. Certainly as an outsider I am better able to stand off and size up without bias the value that our local post has been to the town. And frankly, my opinion of the post is so high that if I were a member I would be open to charges of propaganda.

As mayor of the city I come in close contact with the civic and community activities of the local post of The American Legion. As a physician in the community, I get to know as only a family doctor can know just what our folk think of the post as it comes into their daily lives. Let me say without the least qualification or reservation that the Legion post is one of the most important and valuable influences that we have.

There is no one organization so much on people's lips and in their minds as our local post—John Rolinski Post. The reason is not far to seek; no one organization in the whole community—and probably not the aggregate of all the other organizations put together—comes within many degrees of being so active, of accomplishing so many worthwhile results.

Let it be said parenthetically that an outstanding reason for this great in-



fluence of the post is that its membership comprises exactly one hundred percent of the ex-service men in the community. This one hundred percent record was established in 1920 and maintained in 1921. So far this year not all the boys have paid up but, I understand, they are fast paying up. And I should regret it greatly if the post should fail to attain one hundred percent membership again. No one who has not lived in a community where the Legion has gone over one hundred percent can comprehend the sense of solidarity which such a condition gives the ex-service men.

This one hundred percent membership keeps the roll of the post at 198. It includes four villages very near Toluca. And the large number—large, that is, for a community no greater than ours—enables the post to maintain attractive clubrooms in a central


location. There is not, in towns of our size, a great deal for the younger men to do in the evenings. The people who go out of their way to attract them then are usually the very people with whom they might best afford not to associate. And so the Legion clubrooms are an influence for good. There the members may get together for comradeship which depends on their experiences together as well as on their individual friendships.

And plans are well under way, as well as finances, for a community center building which will be put up chiefly through the efforts of the Legion post. Already the post has \$3,000 in the fund for this purpose. It made the money, and \$1,500 more, by giving two very successful indoor carnivals made up entirely of local talent. What a community recreation center will mean to us you can hardly realize unless you

have lived in a small town and experienced the dearth of opportunity for wholesome recreation.

The one hundred percent membership has been mentioned as one reason for the strength of the post in our community. Another reason is its remarkable record in settling claims for disability compensation and the like. One member of the post is largely responsible for this record, because he personally has done the work. This is Past Post Commander William J. Gerardo, who was three times commander of the post and who, as a result of his work, is now insurance officer for the Department of Illinois.

Mind you, this post has 198 members. It has handled over 1,375 compensation claims and received in each case a settlement satisfactory to the post and to the claimant. One exception must be  
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## Radioizing Nebraska

“HELLO, this is Station X X X talking—State Headquarters of The American Legion, Department of Nebraska. Today is the ninety-ninth anniversary of the birth of the Monroe Doctrine. Just ninety-nine years ago today President

James Monroe sent to Congress his deathless message, the principles of which are as follows. . . . Long live the United States of America!”

Come with us a moment, fellow-Legionnaire and let us see who is making the above speech and where the audience is. First, let us look into the Nebraska Department Headquarters. Sitting before a panel of electrical apparatus which greatly resembles a common telephone switchboard is the Department Commander of the Nebraska Legion. There is no audience to be seen, no sound to be heard except the steady hum of a motor behind the mysterious tangle of wires and apparatus. The commander is talking into a small mouthpiece quite as if he might be talking over the telephone to a friend somewhere in the city.

That is all there is visible to the human eye, yet thousands of people of all ages, of all classes and conditions of life, are “listening in” on this patriotic address. They compose an audience of such magnitude that no auditorium in the land could possibly hold them. Some of this audience are assembled in American Legion clubhouses; some are school children in their classrooms; some are men and

Legion Department Headquarters Plans to Install Broadcasting Apparatus and Is Urging Community Value of Receiving Sets on Posts

By Frank B. O’Connell

Adjutant, Department of Nebraska

women sitting in the privacy of their own homes; some are standing on the street corner. Men, women and children in every part of the great State of Nebraska, thousands and thousands of them, being taught a lesson in Americanism by means of the wireless telephone!

There you have a picture of what the Nebraska Legion proposes to do. Space here is not available nor is it necessary to explain the amazing development of radio in the last few months, or to attempt a prophecy of its future. Radio is probably being talked about today more than any other one subject outside of the topics of every-day life. Thousands of people of all ages are installing receiving sets; factories making the equipment are working twenty-four hours a day to fill orders promised weeks ahead. Suffice it that we simply explain here how we of the Nebraska Legion expect to make use of this marvelous machine in carrying on our activities.

Steps have already been taken in Nebraska to install receiving stations in the various local post clubhouses. We have placed a number of orders for machines and new orders come in almost daily. Practically all our better posts are very enthusiastic about the venture, and many of them feel that it is going to assist greatly in getting

members out to meetings. We are very anxious to develop this part of the scheme first; that is, to get receiving machines in post clubhouses at the earliest possible moment. We realize that every community will have several stations before many months and that the first to get under way will be the ones to reap the richest reward.

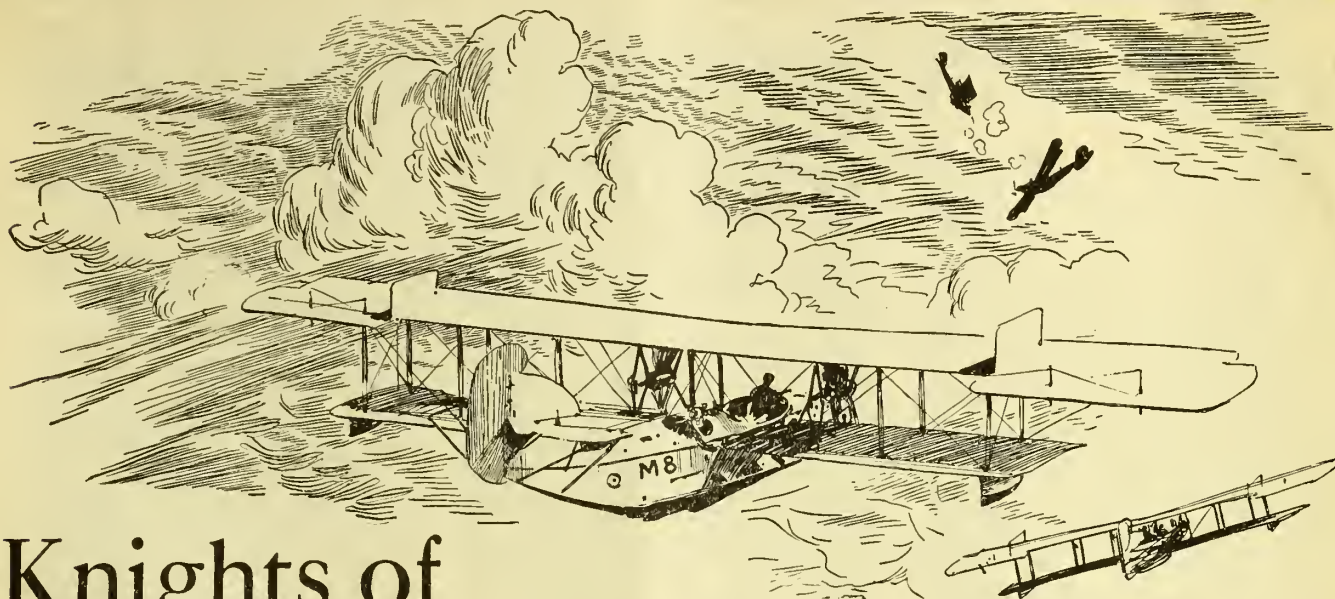
The big thing our posts are striving to do is to make these receiving stations a community asset. I mean by that, they will pick up messages of all sorts—weather reports and market quotations which are now being sent out by our State Bureau of Markets; they will get loud-speaking horns and pick up the concerts that are being broadcast; they will arrange on holidays and other dates to give their fellow-townsmen, and especially the school children, the opportunity to hear splendid patriotic orations. With good equipment they should be able to bring in messages from all parts of the country. And as radio develops, the field for its usefulness as a community asset will increase.

Here is a work that the Legion is particularly fitted to do by virtue of the fact that it has the experienced personnel and the organization to handle such a proposition. Many soldiers and sailors had training that fits them for this new science, and they will be able to master the technique weeks ahead of the average citizen. Then, too, post clubhouses will make ideal receiving stations, and the community will soon come to look upon these rooms as a necessary part of their every-day existence.

So much for the receiving end of the game. Now let us consider the broadcasting station at Department Headquarters.

By installing a large machine with  
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# Knights of Propaganda

By William E. Moore

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**I**N the piping times of peace the distribution of handbills is a shabby business. It is performed furtively by the world's failures whose reward at best is only enough for a meal or a bed. The dangers to be encountered lie only in the housewife's anger at seeing her front stoop littered, or the policeman's warning against cluttering up the highways.

But when the war drums beat the matter takes on quite another complexion. Handbills become ennobled with the name of propaganda and their distribution within the enemy lines becomes a gallant affair in which brave men gladly risk their lives. To say that warriors gladly risk life and liberty in unloading propaganda leaflets onto the enemy is, on second thought, a bit too strong when one recalls the language of the front line aviation messes at the prospect of propaganda flights.

Nevertheless, in the World War, propaganda became a marvelous weapon of offense and whether the fliers liked it or not they were compelled to employ

it when the orders came down from headquarters. Perhaps it was only lack of imagination that caused some of the gay young dare-devils of the air forces to look upon the carrying of propaganda as a low business. D'Annunzio, who was a poet, made of his flight to Vienna an adventure of chivalry and the whole world applauded when he circled the Austrian capital and bombarded it with leaflets instead of the lethal ammunition the Germans used over Paris and London.

In the ranks of our own fliers we had no poets nor Latin temperaments with the power to dramatize their deeds as D'Annunzio did. To use their own depreciative language they just went out and "peddled their papers" and then flew home—if luck was with them.

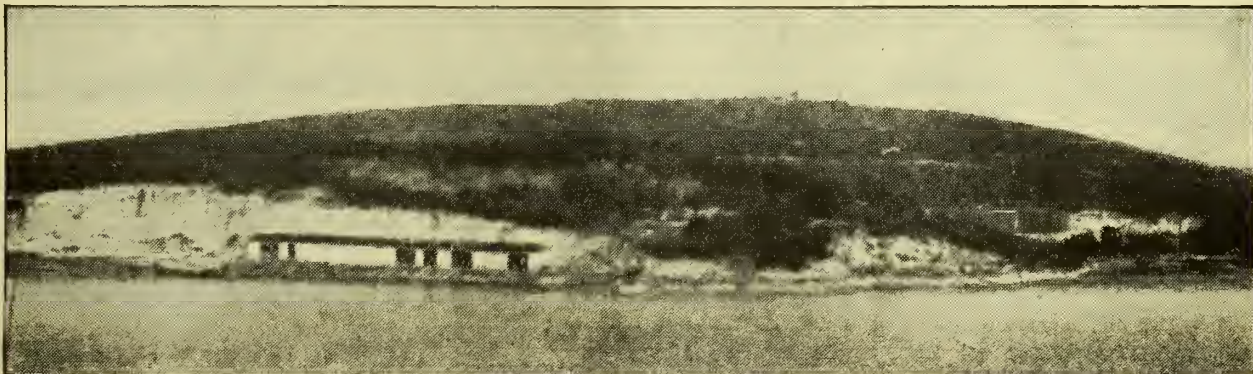
Consider now the case of Ensign C. H. Hammann, U. S. N. R. F., of whom Admiral Sims, in his book "The Victory at Sea," wrote: "I know no finer individual exploit in the war than that of Ensign C. H. Hammann."

To obtain a proper focus on the job

that Hammann and his equally gallant comrades carried through over the blue waters of the Adriatic let us "take off" from Washington, D. C., where propaganda, as a wartime weapon of Uncle Sam's fighting forces had its birth. We learned of its uses and abuses from the Germans and the Allies before we entered the war. By the Spring of 1918 the United States had traveled so far along the road of the war of propagandas that orders issued one day from the Chief of the Military Intelligence Division sending a "specially qualified team of propagandists" to France. This little group of high-brow soldiers slipped out of the Army War College without any beating of drums and within a fortnight were functioning in one of those dingy, bare, curtainless rooms in the old gray barracks building at Chaumont where General Pershing had his office.

In view of the excellent work they did, and the acknowledgment thereof later, perhaps it will not hurt the feelings of that propaganda team to tell them now that G. H. Q. sneered a bit in those days at the idea of fighting enemies with typewriters and printing presses.

"Propagandists? The devil! We're fighting a war!" one hard boiled section chief exclaimed upon his first contact with the new outfit.



Austrian naval base at Pola over which the American fliers showered their leaflets that started the battle



It was the fashion in a certain G. H. Q. office in those days, I recall, to send round the reports of the "high-brows" with amusing little notes attached.

"Dear Bill," a plain, rough soldier would write, "I am sure you will be intrigued to learn what the little Jugo-Slavs are thinking about these days." Bill would add his bit of witticism and send the communication along to the next desk.

But if the Jugo-Slavs and their mental reactions to the course of the war were matters of jest to the subordinates of the G. H. Q. staff they were not held in light esteem higher up in the General Staff and in the cabinets of the Allies. And because the situation was of grave importance along the littoral of the Adriatic, where the Austrian shore was heavily populated with Slav subjects of the dual monarchy, a large consignment of propaganda leaflets was sent to Italy for distribution by our naval air forces over Pola and other Austrian strongholds.

So it came about that on August 21, 1918, Lieut. Willis B. Haviland, U. S. N. R. F., commanding the U. S.

Navy Air Station at Porto Corsini, ordered out a patrol "consisting of two bombing planes (Macchi type M-8) and five chasse planes (Macchi type M-5) to drop propaganda matter on Pola."

Pola was a strong Austrian naval station within whose landlocked harbor lay the warships, from submarine to dreadnought, that were a constant threat to sea traffic in the Mediterranean. The Slavic population of the town was known to be largely disaffected towards the cause of the Central Powers.

The American naval air camp at Porto Corsini lay seventy-five miles away from Pola, on a flat marshy stretch of land between two canals. Across the canal was the town of Porto Corsini which was a naval station for Italian submarines, chasers and mine sweepers. All of the American officers at the Air Station were reserve officers, mostly college men as were many of the enlisted personnel belonging to the outfit.

All of them were ready for a fight or a frolic at any hour of the day or night and during the summer and autumn of 1918 they had a great deal of both.

It was 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, with a bright sun shining and the sky and sea blue as only Italian skies and seas can be, when Lieutenant Haviland launched his patrol into the air to scatter dissension-breeding handbills over Pola. When each airplane had been filled to capacity with bales of leaflets, the squadron took off under the leadership of Ensign George Ludlow. The pilots on the trip were Ensigns Ludlow, Austin Parker, Dudley A. Voorhees, Charles H. Hammann, Walter White and Albert P. Taliaferro.

Flying in formation at a height of 2,500 meters the winged handbill distributors whirled unmolested over the dancing blue waves of the Adriatic, and, approaching Pola from the south, dumped their cargoes on the astonished town before the defenders could get into action. Within the hour the job had been done and there was nothing to do but go home. Two of the planes had already returned. They had developed motor trouble on the upflight and had been forced to turn back.

When the Austrians woke into action there were only five American planes  
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## "Nothing Too Big for the Legion"

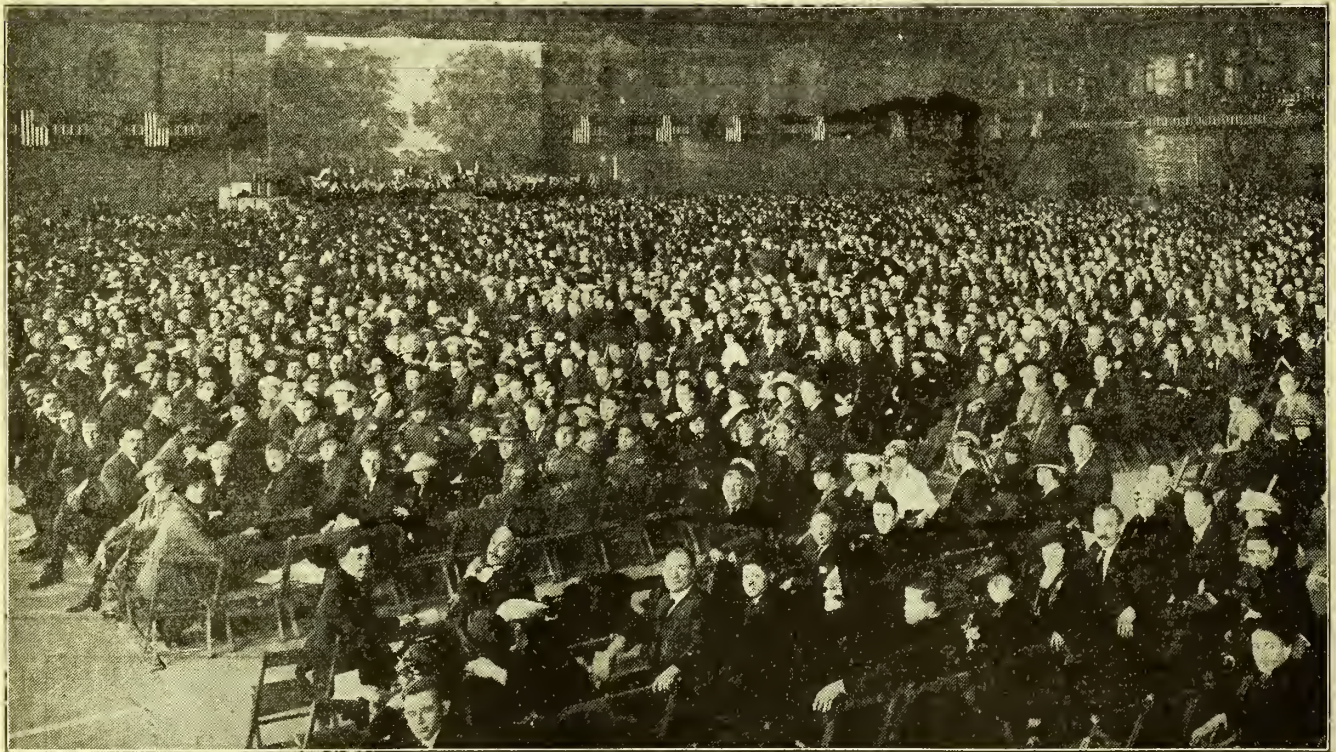


Photo © by Underwood and Underwood

Some of the 16,000 who listened to the all-star Legion concert recently staged by Bronx County (New York) posts

**N**O enterprise is too ambitious for the Legion if it throws itself whole-heartedly into it.

People will support the best grade of entertainment if it is properly presented.

These facts the thirty posts and eighteen Auxiliary units of Bronx County, New York, have proved by experience. Recently the Bronx Legion gathered 16,000 men, women and children under the roof of the largest

armory in the world—the home of the 258th Field Artillery, with a drill floor measuring 300 by 600 feet—and staged a concert, one of the biggest ever given indoors, for the benefit of the county welfare fund used in assisting needy veterans, particularly the men hospitalized in the borough.

Some of the Bronx Legionnaires had misgivings at first, but the enthusiasts said, "Nothing is too big for the Legion," and they carried the day.

The Legion gave a two-hour concert that included such stars as Giovanni Martinelli, leading tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company, Miss Ellen Dally and Madame Olga Carrara, with the Metropolitan Orchestra accompanying. And in order to reciprocate the courtesy of those who came early (16,000 people cannot be seated in a few seconds) the Legion had an artillery band on deck at 6 o'clock to play until the concert proper started soon after 8.



# The Contract Hospital's Doom

The New Langley Law Means "Government Beds for All"—the Final Victory in a Three-Years' Legion Battle

**T**HE recent passage by Congress of the new Langley Law, appropriating \$17,000,000 for hospital construction and the establishment of an out-patient dispensary system for branches of the Veterans Bureau, has brought the hope of mental salvation to thousands of ex-service men whose minds or nerves were wrecked in the World War.

Ten million dollars of the total appropriation is expected to be used to provide at least six new hospitals and to enlarge three existing hospitals to make available 3,950 new beds for neuro-psychiatric patients. But more important than figures is the fact that the Langley Law is the final step toward the abandonment of the whole contract hospital system.

The enactment of the Langley Law indicates that Congress has finally rid itself of the idea that the Government could escape full performance of its duty to hospitalize its disabled ex-service men by delegating the performance of that duty to States, counties, cities and private individuals. It insures that the nervous and mentally disabled ex-service men now confined in state asylums, almshouses, charity wards, county jails and private contract institutions will eventually be cared for *and treated* in special government-operated institutions.

Due to the lack of room in suitable government hospitals, more than 4,000 neuro-psychiatric patients are now being farmed out to state asylums and other non-governmental institutions, in most of which they receive only care and not *treatment or training*. A large number of other ex-service men in mild stages of mental and nervous diseases have remained outside hospitals because of the unwillingness of themselves or of their relatives to have them become patients in institutions which are primarily for the indigent.

Whether the \$17,000,000 appropriation will be sufficient to provide all the hospital beds that will eventually be needed is a matter that is in doubt. A Committee of Consultants on Neuro-Psychiatry, composed of eight of the country's foremost experts on nervous and mental diseases, has submitted to Director Forbes of the Veterans Bureau a plan calling for the nine hospital construction projects under the new appropriation and recommending also that, in addition to the 3,950 beds specified, 2,260 more beds be planned for.

The need for these additional

beds is anticipated from the belief that Congress will extend the period during which neuro-psychiatric disabilities developed by ex-service men shall be presumed to be of service origin. The present period of presumptive service disability is two years after date of discharge. A bill now pending in Congress, which has the approval of the Veterans Bureau, would extend the period to three years after discharge. The National Rehabilitation Committee of the Legion, however, is asking Congress to make the period five years after discharge. At the same time, the National Rehabilitation Committee is asking Congress to extend the period during which tuber-

culosis shall be presumed to be of service origin to four years after discharge, so that if both bills pass, not only additional neuro-psychiatric hospital facilities but additional tuberculosis hospital beds will be required.

The passage of the Langley Law is a great Legion victory in the sense that it marks the attainment of the objective set by the late National Commander Galbraith more than a year ago when he called the attention of the nation to the deplorable shortage in hospital facilities and the objectionable character of many of the institutions in which disabled men were being cared for. Largely as the result of public opinion which the Legion created and by force of the Legion's presentation of facts to Congress, Congress appropriated \$18,600,000 for hospital construction in the spring of 1921, although it was recognized at that time that the sum appropriated would be sufficient to

make only a beginning on the whole hospital construction program. The Legion maintained an aggressive pressure for the additional appropriations needed, obtained the advice of the country's leading experts and pressed the fight for the new funds through to success.

The Langley Law, then, is really the culmination of a fight begun more than a year ago, a fight in which Congress has been persuaded to fulfill its duty tardily by providing a total of \$35,600,000, the sum of the 1921 and 1922 appropriations. In the final stages of that fight members of the Legion's Rehabilitation and Legislative Committees appeared repeatedly before committees of Congress, and National Commander MacNider personally made a plea for the bill's passage before the Public Buildings Committee of the House, the body that shaped the measure. Director Forbes of the Veterans Bureau has now been requested to consult with the Legion's Rehabilitation Committee on the subject of the allocation of funds, location of hospitals and the general building plans.

Only the future will show the extent to which the hospitals now authorized will meet the Veterans Bureau's needs. There are some figures, however, which are the basis of calculations.

More than 9,000 neuro-psychiatric ex-service men are now being cared for in government and contract hospitals. The consulting experts reported to Director Forbes

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## A Legion Troop

**S**OMEWHERE in your town there is a gang of kids who look to the men who served in '17 and '18 just as we looked to our older brothers of '98 and those splendid veterans of the Civil War—men who showed us the way—gave us our inspiration to step out when the day came and our country called.

That group of boys are going to be the citizens who follow our generation and in turn take over this country of ours. No finer teachings of loyalty and patriotism, no finer training for useful clean American citizenship exists than those of the Boy Scouts of America.

If every Legion post could adopt as its own a troop of Scouts, preferably made up of lads who would have a hard time otherwise to take advantage of Scout privileges, that post would have accomplished by that act alone a great service to its community. Wherever there are Scout Executives, we are asking that they go before the posts with information. If you can find it possible, and in every post there are men who will be interested, it would be a splendid thing to adopt these young Americans.

They will be only too glad to absorb from you the principles of their new organization and of The American Legion—"To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America."

HANFORD MACNIDER



# Try It Yourself

By Wallgren

GUESS I'D BETTER CLEAN UP THE OLD RIFLE AND GET IT READY FOR THE PARADE — HUH?



I WONDER IF I CAN STILL DO THE OLD MANUAL OF ARMS? — 'TENTION !!



PRESEN —



-T'AHMS! \*?!?



!!! @ \* !!! \* !!! \*  
(UNPRINTABLE TOP SARGEINT LANGUAGE)



OH WELL-ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN — I WAS TOO CONFIDENT — I'LL TRY AGAIN!



SHOUL — DER —



-AHMS !!!? !?



YUH MIGHT THINK I WAS SOME ROOKIE !!



GOSH, A GUY CAN FORGET QUICK! — WONDER IF I CAN STILL DO A RIFLE SALUTE WITHOUT GETTING HURT!!?

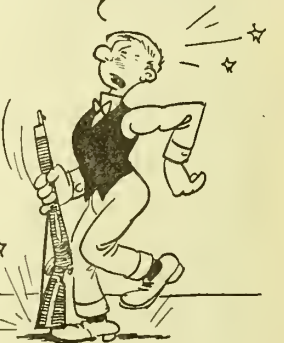


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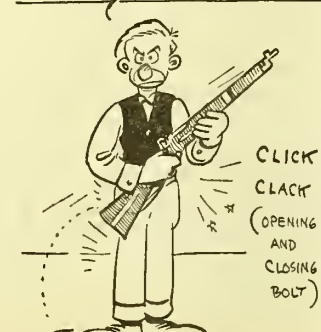
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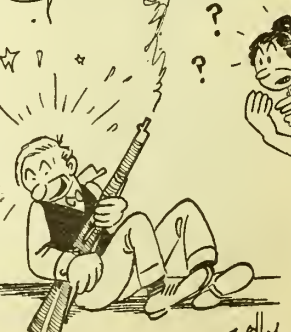
I USED TO DO THIS WITH ME EYES SHUT! — INSPEC- SHUN



-AHMS — !!!??



HEE HEE!!  
SO HY-STERICAL





# Keeping Step with the Legion

## and The American Legion Auxiliary

### Try These On Your Post

Here is a suggestion from the National Commander:

### Bring it up before the post

Send in your post's ideas to your department adjutant. National Headquarters will consolidate all the dope—and we can thrash these things out at New Orleans.

*A National Legion Home for incapacitated Legionnaires and children of Legionnaires. A quarter apiece (\$250,000) or a dime (\$100,000) would build and maintain a magnificent unit which could be added to as necessity dictates.*

Is it a good idea or not?

*Making a permanent thing of the Legion pilgrimage to France on all-Legion boats for three or four weeks every summer—not official tours—but with a Legion crowd.*

Is it good or not?

*One day of the National Convention to be devoted to athletics—play-off of championships in everything from tiddlerwinks to football with no qualifications but Legion membership. We plan this for New Orleans.*

Do you want it a permanent thing? We're good for half a dozen years yet, aren't we?

HANFORD MACNIDER

As we see it, every post meeting is a National Convention in miniature. And as we see it some more, you don't have to stop at those three ideas.

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THE Fourth National Convention of the Legion is barely five months away. Your department convention may be only a matter of weeks away. Your next post meeting (which may be tonight) may take some action, initiate some idea, start some ball a-rolling that will rattle down into New Orleans on October 16th with all the strength of Legiondom behind it.

Where do the ideas come from that are translated into resolutions on the floor of a Legion national convention and set going on the road to accomplishment when new committees and a new commander settle into the harness for another year of effort on behalf of the American veteran? They come, in the main, from the department conventions, and the department conventions get them from the district conventions. (if the districts are organized on that basis) and the districts get them from the posts, and the posts get them from the individual buck members. Some old Umph Division man may be hoeing a row out in a corn field at this minute and mulling something over in his old bean that will set a thousand national convention delegates to cheering and yelling "Aye!" and saying in their hearts, "Great! It's the biggest thing the Legion ever attempted, and the

Legion, being the Legion, will see it through!"

Just to start things, the National Commander has suggested three ideas on which post and individual sentiment will have plenty of time to react before most of the department conventions are held. A National Legion Home, a permanent Legion pilgrimage to France, an all-Legion athletic day at New Orleans—that's three ideas. The more the merrier. The convention will last five days this year. Much can be done in five days. The text for your post, and for you, is simply this:

Start something.

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A LEGION National Convention is, first of all, the supreme legislative session of the Legion. It is a reunion and a parade and a general good time as well, but those are secondary considerations. The first duty of the convention is to convene and, being convened, to do business.

From 50,000 to 300,000 Legionnaires will go to New Orleans in October—we don't dare hazard a more accurate guess. Probably only from 1,000 to 1,500 of them will be actual delegates. Theirs will be the task of naming the Legion's helmsman for 1923, which is important, and of telling him what he is to do, which is a darned sight more important. The convention may not originate the orders; it merely puts its

official stamp on them. The orders come from the posts.

It's the thing we call democracy.

### A Timely Suggestion

NEW ideas do not fit all occasions. Memorial Day, for instance, will in the main always follow out the time-honored observance which has been hallowed by the traditions of nearly sixty years. It is not a moment for novelties. Yet one post has a suggestion which offers a brand-new item for a Memorial Day program that is strictly in keeping with the sacred dignity of the day.

Port Chester Post of Port Chester, New York, on Memorial Day will burn the wooden honor roll in the center of the town "in accordance with military rules and in deference to the spirit which prompted its erection." When an old flag is destroyed military regulations provide that it shall be burned, so that fragments may not become scattered and soiled. Port Chester Post plans in like manner to put the remnants of its town honor roll beyond reach of possible dishonor. Beyond reach, too, of the souvenir hound—this is what Past Commander Frank Schips said in expressing the post's sentiments:

The honor roll was only put up temporarily and it is going fast now. It is only a matter of time when it will have to be taken away. We have heard that certain persons have boasted that they were going to claim various parts of it. For instance, one person said the eagle was going to be his. We admit that it is a fine piece of work, but we do not believe, in justice to the boys whose names appear on it and in respect to the cause for which it was erected, that it should be parceled out to individuals. If it is burned where it stands there can be no hard feelings and possible dissension among local organizations.

The whole question was aired at a meeting of the village trustees attended by interested Legion members, and the Legion idea won out. It was evident that the post had considered all sides of the question. For instance, it was suggested that the panels carrying individual names of men in service might be given to their families, but the post objected that many of the men listed have no known relatives and that in other instances it might be hard to decide just who was entitled to the panels. These are small matters, but large gobs of trouble can develop from matters just as small. The Port Chester idea seems to hold water any way you look at it.

Honor rolls are still standing in many communities. Erected hastily but with the best motives in the world, they are showing signs of wear and weather and in some places becoming a real eyesore. Many good citizens think they should come down, but prob-

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## Legion Calendar

### Mothers' Day

In charge of the Auxiliary—lend a hand May 14th.

### Memorial Day

See that your post's contribution to the overseas graves' decoration fund is sent to your department headquarters at once—a minimum of five cents a member and five dollars a post.

### Service Census

First aid to every veteran, especially the man who doesn't know he's entitled to it.

### Unemployment

As good a job as he had before he dropped it to fight—that is the goal for every jobless buddy.

### Outdoor Activities

Make summer count as much for the Legion as winter does.

### Community Co-operation

Keep the home fires burning with enthusiasm for an outfit that hasn't forgotten its obligations to its fellow-men.



# EDITORIAL

## Three Years—and Victory

THE enactment of the Langley Bill into law is the final victory in The American Legion's three-year struggle to get the Government to do its duty.

The appropriation under that law of \$17,000,000 for hospital construction and the establishment of an out-patient dispensary system throughout the country means that the Legion is now abreast of the objective it set in 1919. The defeat of the contract hospital system has been accomplished. The day when every disabled man entitled to hospitalization will be cared for in a *government-operated* hospital is now in sight.

In two years the Legion has obtained from a reluctant Congress the appropriation of \$35,600,000 for new or enlarged hospitals, and the Langley Law is in effect Congress's treaty of peace with the national conscience. Under it Congress has renounced the pennywise policy adopted in 1919, of shouldering off onto the States and private institutions the care of disabled veterans. The new law appropriates the sum needed to enable the Government to take care of its own patients in its own hospitals.

The Langley Law is also a memorial to the Legion's late National Commander, Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr. For it was Mr. Galbraith who placed himself at the head of the million ex-service men in the Legion a year ago and started the crusade to save the helpless thousands of disabled in and out of hospitals from the effects of deplorable governmental neglect. Commander Galbraith aroused the country to realization of the plight of forgotten veterans who had been put out of sight in state asylums, almshouses, county jails and charity wards of city institutions. He induced Congress in the spring of 1921 to appropriate \$18,600,000 to make a beginning on an adequate government hospital program.

Commander Galbraith fell in action before the final objective could be gained. Like a true leader, however, he was pointing the way ahead when he fell. Commander Emery and Commander MacNider did not allow the battle to halt.

The Legion massed its forces for the final drive which gained the Langley Law. The National Rehabilitation and National Legislative Committees appeared repeatedly before Congressional committees. Commander MacNider personally summed up the Legion's arguments. The victory gained was complete.

Director Forbes of the Veterans Bureau now has absolute authority to do everything needed for the disabled veteran. His course will determine whether he shall have the Legion as a friend or an unrelenting critic. He has no place to pass the buck, no bridges behind him for retreat. The Legion wishes him luck.

## Truthful Figures

**A**MID the confusion of tongues at Washington and the falsifications of those whose motto is "Defeat the Adjusted Compensation Bill by any means necessary," these truths stand out:

The greatest theoretical cost of the Adjusted Compensation Bill in its present form would be \$4,000,000,000 *distributed over a period of twenty years.*

That sum, \$4,000,000,000, is equal to the amount that it now takes for the entire expenses of the Government for *one year.*

The minimum theoretical expense of the Adjusted Compensation Bill would be \$1,200,000,000. The cost would be that if all veterans were to borrow cash from the banks at once to the full limit authorized by the bill, and were all to default upon their notes. If this happened, it would cost the Government \$1,200,000,000 three years hence—by the end of 1925—but *that would be all it would ever cost.*

The House Ways and Means Committee, figuring between the maximum and the minimum, declared that in no year before 1943 would the total expense exceed \$136,000,000 and that in most years the cost would not exceed \$30,000,000 a year.

For the next three years, the House Ways and Means Committee estimated, the cost would be as follows:

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| 1923 ..... | \$74,000,000 |
| 1924 ..... | 124,000,000  |
| 1925 ..... | 121,370,000  |

The prevaricating apostles of entrenched and short-sighted selfishness are still trying to deceive the people of this country. They are preaching unremittingly the falsehood that the passage of the compensation bill would threaten the nation with bankruptcy. The lobbyists and writers of selfish business have circulated these falsehoods in every town and city in the United States.

Mr. Legionnaire, these are the real figures. Use them. If the people whom you meet have been inclined to take their opinions second-hand from the propagandists, enlighten them. Tell the truth to everyone who may have been hypnotized into opposition to the Adjusted Compensation Bill by the false spellwords of impending national calamity.

Remember, the estimated first year's cost of compensation is only \$74,000,000. Hammer that fact home.

Tell the "man afraid of the cost" that this sum of \$74,000,000 is only one fifty-fourth of the total yearly expenses of our Government. Tell him that in most of the years after the first year the cost of compensation would be less than one one-hundredth of the Government's yearly expenses.

Let's kill right now that argument that the country can't afford to pay adjusted compensation.

## A Real Naval Reserve or Not?

**A**LMOST before Congress has definitely settled the question of the strength of the Regular Navy, it will be called upon to determine this country's future policy on Naval Reserves. More than 300,000 young men who served in the Navy during the World War and are now back in civilian life are waiting to know what that policy will be. They want to know whether the United States is going to maintain a real Naval Reserve or one in name only. They want to know whether the Naval Reserve which Congress will authorize will be a living organization, offering incentives to World War veterans who wish to complete, by study and drill, the naval education they began during the fighting period, or whether it will be almost wholly a disguised retirement list for men with sixteen or more years of service.

World War veterans understand the difficulties in maintaining an adequate reserve which Congressional curtailments of appropriations have created. But if the Navy and Congress do not evolve some plan to keep alive the interest and active support of the naval veterans of 1917 and 1918, the country will have thrown away a splendid opportunity.

When the war ended there were in the Naval Reserve force about 330,000 officers and enlisted men. Most of these were quickly placed on the inactive list, and by the middle of last year more than 100,000 had passed out of the Reserve by the expiration of their terms of enrollment, or for other causes. The destruction of the Naval Reserve was completed when, because of lack of funds, work of disenrolling 225,000 officers and enlisted men was started last September 30th. True, these men were given the privilege of transferring to the Volunteer Naval Reserve, a status which is without pay, but to all intents and purposes the great body simply went out of existence.

Now the Navy Department is backing a bill for the establishment of a new Navy Reserve, to be composed of the Fleet Naval Reserve, the Merchant Marine Naval Reserve and the Volunteer Naval Reserve. A study of this bill shows that it has many admirable provisions. But it is apparent that the provision placing men with sixteen years' service or more in the Fleet Naval Reserve with retirement pay will require most of the funds available, and that opportunities for duty or drill will be almost wholly lacking for those men who might wish to enroll in the Reserve as a means of continuing their wartime service to their country. Congress must devise some means of making the Reserve attractive to the men who served.

The country must not be deceived into thinking it would have an adequate Naval Reserve when in reality it would have only a larger retirement list than the Navy is willing to acknowledge to Congress.





Photo by J. B. Carrington

You do not need to use a microscope and a lot of botanical equipment to find specimens of *Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*

# The Legion Flower, a May Child

## The Daisy, Like Most of Our Garden Population, Is a Naturalized Citizen, Not a Native

By Walter Prichard Eaton

**T**HE first thing to be said about the daisy, which the Legion has adopted for its official flower, is that it isn't a daisy, or rather it isn't the daisy of English literature. And the second thing to be said about it is that it isn't a native of the United States, but of Europe and Asia. However, as none of us, unless he is a red Indian, is a native of the United States, but, like the daisy, came from Europe, perhaps this doesn't matter.

The flower which we in America call a daisy, the flower with the white rayed petals around a yellow center, and which is so common in all the fields of the northeastern United States, though much less common in the South and West, bears the somewhat portentous botanical name of *Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*. It was brought to America from Europe sometime in the eighteenth century, probably long before the Revolutionary War, and once here it spread rapidly and became a weed (to the farmer) and a wild flower (to the farmer's children). In England and on the Continent the single word "daisy" means a different flower. It means the *Bellis perennis*, a very much smaller plant with a smaller and particularly colored blossom, which in England especially gets into the lawns the way dandelions get into ours.

When Shakespeare sang about "daisies pied and violets blue" he meant this daisy, not ours. Our daisy in Eng-

land, is almost always called the ox-eyed daisy, sometimes the white daisy. The little "pied," or English daisy also was brought to America, but it has never flourished here like the white one. Our winters are too cold, or our summers too hot. It has never taken kindly to being Americanized.

Our own black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), or yellow daisy, on the other hand, is as native as a Sioux Indian. In fact, it is really a prairie flower, and may still be seen at its very best just where the prairies roll up to the first slopes of the Rocky Mountains. But it has spread eastward everywhere, and in some of the old hay fields in Massachusetts there are almost as many yellow daisies now as white ones.

The white daisy, the Legion's official flower, has one great merit under cultivation—it is a perennial, and once planted will last many years. On the other hand, it has become so thoroughly Americanized in its two centuries here that it seeds itself profusely, and if you don't watch out one plant in your flower garden will rapidly sow the whole bed, running the other plants out. The thing to do is to put in three or four plants in a clump, leaving about eight or ten inches between plants, and then pick off the blossoms as fast as they fade, not letting any of them go to seed. If you do this, and also keep the earth rich and cultivated around the plants, just as you would cultivate

rarer and choicer flowers, you will have a glorious great mass of white bloom in your garden, quite as fine and striking as any gardener could wish. It will surprise you to see what big plants will form, and how many blossoms each one will have. I have cultivated daisy plants in my garden for two or three years now, and each one is a mass of white, two feet across the top, in the blossom season.

Also, there is never any trouble or expense about getting the plants. You can go out into almost any field, even close to a city, in the spring, and dig up all the plants you want. Take the small ones, because they are easier to move, and to handle. They will be much larger after a single year. They can be moved as soon as the leaves are out enough to be recognized, and they can be moved from then on up to the middle of May or even later. Now that the daisy is the official flower of the Legion, it would be a wonderful thing if every Legion member who has a garden or a bit of ground by his house would set in a few daisy plants, and give them a chance to grow in good soil to their full development. Not only would he himself have a burst of blossom, but he would be helping to show what lovely things our common wild flowers are, and how much can be done with them to beautify our homes with very little trouble, and at no expense.

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# BURSTS AND DUDS

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## She Knew Father

A teacher was trying to convey the idea to her class of the power of physical beauty to inspire beautiful thoughts. Six-year-old Elsie couldn't seem to understand it.

"Here's an example, Elsie," explained the teacher. "Suppose your mother should fill a vase with some lovely flowers and put them in the center of the dining room table. What would your father say?"

"Oh, I know, teacher," exclaimed Elsie brightly. "He'd say, 'Whattnell them dam-weeds doin' there?'"

## Sounds Bad

Woods: "Poor Archie! I couldn't refuse him a loan—he begged so hard for it."

Brooks: "Do you think he'll pay you back soon?"

Woods: "Oh, I'm sure of that, he seemed so grateful. Why, he said: 'Just lend me ten for a few days, and I'll be forever indebted to you.'"

## A Social Error

"Sweet Cookie!" groaned the king of the cannibals. "Just my luck! Here I've gone and eaten the head chef by mistake!"

## "We Aim to Please"

Convict No. 711: "I hear Bill the Mugg is out again and that he's the most popular hold-up guy in Chicago."

Convict No. 117: "Yeah. He always gives the victims back car fare, so now he gets the cream of the trade."

## Bad Dick from Boston!

Rastus: "Lissen heah, boy! Ah believes yo'-all am fondlin' dem dices a little too enthusiastical."

Sambo: "Hol' on, man! Leave yo' social razzar in yo' pocket. Ah only talks to mah bones—talks to 'em, dat's all."

Rastus: "Huh, den yo'-all been talkin' de deaf-and-dumb language to 'em. Ah craves yo' lucidates by openin' yo' mouf. Ah don't like dat finger-talk."

## Comforting Thought

"Ya-as," drawled the old-time resident of Shoal Flats, Mississippi, to a traveling salesman. "I reckon most of our people are pretty contented and optimistic-like. Now, there's Jeff Boggs. A year ago Jeff's legs was run over by a steam roller and when they was takin' him to a hospital he yawns and says: 'Oh, well,' he says, 'I guess my pants needed pressin' pretty bad anyhow.'"

## Well Worth It

A man lay in bed while a midnight burglar broke into his house; watched him while he ransacked the place and then allowed him to depart without raising a hand to stop him. Even when a policeman arrested the intruder outside he seemed reluctant to make any accusation.

"Whats the matter?" asked the cop. "Don't you want to see this guy go to jail?"

"Well," confessed the householder, "I wanted to see how he managed to get in so late without a key and without waking up the wife and when he managed it I sort of figured he was entitled to get away with something."



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## Renaissance

Time was when certain editors made it a rule never to retract any statements made in their papers. If they stated that a horse was sixteen feet high instead of sixteen hands high, why sixteen feet high he was, so far as the *Evening Screech* was concerned.

The issue was tested when an irate citizen who had been ill but experienced a sudden change for the better, dropped in and confronted the editor.

"Look here," he howled, "You printed this morning that I was dead. Well, I'm a long way from dead and it's up to you to print a correction."

"I'm sorry," said the editor mildly, "but we never do such things."

"You don't hey? Well, you will this time or I'll horsewhip you within an inch of your life."

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## And Then the Suicide

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Miss P.: "Nonsense. Stop your spoofing."

Bertie: "No, but you do, really. I hardly recognized you at first."

## In Soak

Tough Prisoner: "Judge, I'm tellin' you. You wanta lay off'n me. I'm a hard guy."

His Honor: "Well, I'll just soak you for sixty days and see how hard you are."

## Sky Bound!

Abraham Jefferson Washington Lee, who had cast his lot with the U. S. N. and had been promoted to Fireman, 1st Cl., through his diligent use of a No. 8 shovel, was detailed to keep steam up on one of the small service steamers on the battleship. However, the boiler soon developed a bad case of leaky tubes, which was reported twice to the engineer in charge without result.

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(To be continued)

## Letting Him Down Easy

A rich man, lying on his death bed, called his chauffeur who had been in his service for years, and said:

"Ah, Sykes. I am going on a long and rugged journey, worse than ever you drove me."

"Well, sir," consoled the chauffeur. "There's one comfort. It's all down hill."

## The Best Policy

Lawyer: "Now be perfectly frank with me. Are you innocent or guilty?"

Client: "I am guilty."

Lawyer: "Ah, an honest man! I shall be able to acquit you."



## A World Study of Disabled Men's Needs

WHEN the annual conference of the Interallied Veterans Federation is held at New Orleans coincidentally with the National Convention of The American Legion in mid-October, one of the subjects that will receive attention will be the manner in which the various countries represented have fulfilled their obligations to their disabled ex-service men. At the Federation's conference in Paris several months ago many questions relating to this subject were discussed and arrangements were made for the gathering and exchange of information.

The importance which the international movement in behalf of the disabled has assumed is further emphasized by a conference held at Geneva in March by a commission of experts, under the auspices of the International Labor Office. These experts represented not only associations for the disabled and the Governments of France, Great Britain, Italy and Poland, but also of Germany and Austria—the conference being practically the first occasion in which the men who fought in the war on opposite sides met on equal terms.

The exact relation of the Geneva conference to the work being undertaken by the Interallied Veterans Association, of which the Legion is a member, is not made clear in the information received in this country concerning the conference in Switzerland. The International Labor Office, sponsor of the Geneva conference, is an organization created under the terms of the Treaty of Versailles. While not a part of the League of Nations, strictly speaking, it works in conjunction with the League in obtaining and distributing information on labor and industrial questions and other subjects involved in the re-establishment of ordered harmony among the nations of Europe. The organization is financed by the League, however. Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, was a member of the American committee which assisted in the establishment of the International Labor Office although the United States is not one of the countries which are supporting the organization, which lists fifty-four nations in its membership.

One of the principal questions discussed at the Geneva conference related to reciprocal arrangements for the supplying of orthopedic and medical treatment by any country to the veterans of any other country within its borders, and the mutual repayment of the expenses involved. A system to accomplish this is also one of the objects of the Interallied Veterans Federation.

The Geneva organization is arranging a center for the supply of information, so that all member nations will be informed through publications of new ideas on veterans' rehabilitation in all countries. A number of booklets have been published detailing the legislative provisions of the various countries.

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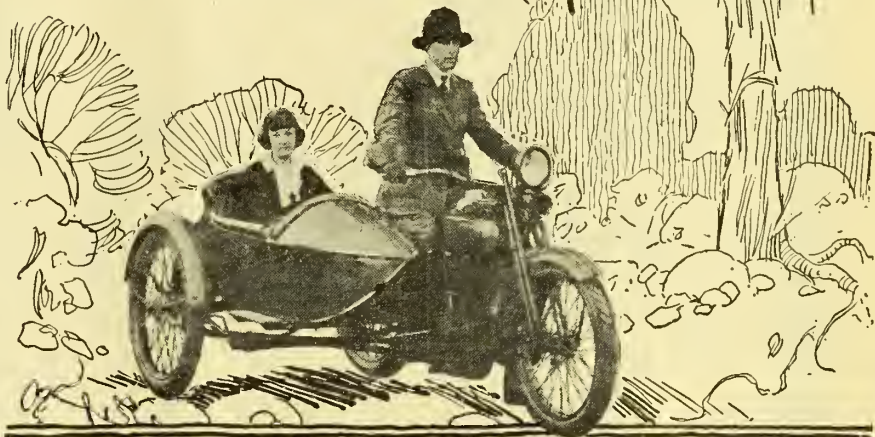
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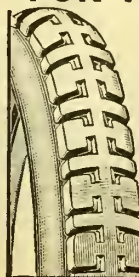
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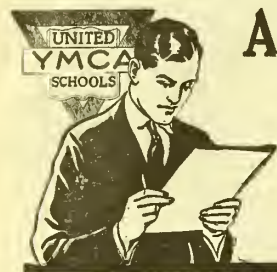
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# Organizing a Legion Baseball League

By Wilbur J. Clark

Legion State Athletic Officer, Department of New Jersey

**N**EW JERSEY will have two American Legion baseball leagues this season, a northern and a southern division. We propose to play ten clubs in each league and at the end of the season send the pennant winners into a series of contests for the state championship.

The Legion in breaking out on the baseball diamond doesn't want to displace any old well-established leagues which have always played fair with the public, break up time-honored rivalries, or invade territorial rights.

We believe room exists for industrial leagues, school leagues, semi-professional leagues—and The American Legion Baseball League. We believe that communities without nines will welcome and willingly support a strong Legion team. We believe that New Jersey can well support twenty Legion clubs on the diamond.

Organization of the league has just been started. As state athletic officer I have sent out questionnaires to every post in the State asking about their athletic plans for the year. Here are the questions:

Will your post be represented by a baseball team? If not, why not?

Do you think athletics will increase your post membership?

Will your post be represented by a track, football or basketball team?

Will you appoint a live-wire member to manage your team in each sport and try to encourage athletics among your members?

What form of recreation do you furnish your members?

Do you think if players in each sport were to share a certain percentage of gate receipts each individual sport would be a paying proposition?

Although all have not replied, the posts appear favorably inclined toward the formation of a league. The next step will be for one representative from each post to meet and perfect organization. We propose to have the league open the season May 15th and play until Labor Day.

We have prepared a draft of by-laws to submit at the first meeting. We believe them adequate, but if necessary alterations can easily be made. We realize, of course, that the by-laws are useless unless we have the co-operation of the league members. The tentative draft follows:

## ARTICLE ONE

Section 1. The membership of The American Legion Baseball League of New Jersey, Southern Division, shall be composed of

not more than ten clubs.

Section 2. Should more than ten posts apply for membership the state athletic officer shall decide on the ten to be admitted, or recommend the combination of two posts into one team, or the advisability of forming another league.

## ARTICLE TWO

Section 1. Each post shall be entitled to one representative at meetings, and the representatives shall form themselves into a board of directors. The board of directors shall elect officers and vote on all questions that may arise pertaining to the league.

Section 2. Half of the total number of representatives shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE THREE

Section 1. The board of directors shall sit as an arbitration committee or a committee of the whole to hear and vote on all questions of protest, eligibility, transfer, expulsion, postponement of games, schedule and general welfare, and in case of a tie vote the state athletic officer shall cast the deciding ballot.

Section 2. The board of directors shall appoint umpires, official scorers, publicity men and other officials.

## ARTICLE FOUR

Section 1. The officers of the league shall be a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, to be elected for one year from among the representatives at the first meeting.

Section 2. The president or the state athletic officer shall preside at all meetings. Either may call special meetings at the request of three directors.

Section 3. The duties of the secretary shall be to keep the minutes of league meetings, attend to correspondence, compile official averages and standings and perform other duties as the by-laws provide.

Section 4. The regular meetings shall be the first Friday of each month.

## ARTICLE FIVE

Section 1. A player to be eligible for any team in the league must be an ex-service man.

## ARTICLE SIX

Section 1. Each post shall control the finances of its team and shall provide its players with uniforms. The post treasurer shall receive all moneys when his team is playing at home and shall deposit such to the credit of his post athletic fund.

Section 2. Each post shall be responsible for the obligations only of its own team. Items of traveling expenses shall be settled between each club.

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*Section 1.* Each post represented by a team in the league shall deposit \$10 with the treasurer of the league one week before the opening game as a guarantee of good faith. Of this amount \$5 shall be deposited for entry fee into the league, the balance to be returned at the end of the season.

*Section 2.* Any club leaving the field during the progress of a game shall be fined \$5 and be subject to expulsion should the board of directors so vote.

*Section 3.* All protests of games must be filed in writing with the secretary not later than one week after the game is played.

*Section 4.* Any club failing to obey the provisions of the rules and regulations shall be suspended.

## ARTICLE EIGHT

*Section 1.* A schedule of games shall be drafted by the board of directors, which schedule may be revised by a majority vote of the board.

*Section 2.* All games shall be played at a time most convenient to the contending teams.

*Section 3.* All games must be governed by the regulations of the league.

## ARTICLE NINE

*Section 1.* No hard and fast amateur regulations shall prevail, but the league shall strive to eliminate unfairness, selfishness and unsportsmanship.

## ARTICLE TEN

*Section 1.* These by-laws shall be in force immediately after their adoption and shall be subject to change at any regular meeting by a three-fifths' vote of the board of directors.

Most of these regulations are self-explanatory. They have been drawn up so as to cover conditions in New Jersey, a small State of only 8,000-odd square miles. Our two proposed leagues will give every post a chance to place teams in the field. While other States would perhaps do better by organizing county teams, we can well handle ten teams because of our compactness of territory, cheapness of transportation and density of population.

Just the same, though, if we are slow in getting ten clubs together then we will not hesitate to form a four, six, or eight-club league, just so long as we can get started. In my opinion, if some of the large Western States have posts so isolated that they cannot unite into a league then it would be advisable for them to join some independent league already existing or organize one and invite in the Rotary Club, school nines, industrial and lodge teams.

Regarding finances, I believe each post should handle its own money because each already has stability and organization. Of course in most amateur and semi-pro combinations the league treasurer handles the money, but then such leagues haven't the singleness of aim that we have in the Legion. Each post should take all the profits from all home games. Such a system would benefit the post by stimulating the sale of tickets.

In asking for the support of the public the post teams should give a good show in return. Outside crowds go where they can see the best grade of baseball. For example, in northern New Jersey crowds attend the fast

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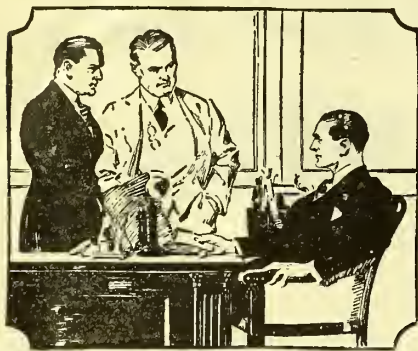
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semi-pro games and the International League games at Newark or Jersey City, or go across the river to New York to see the big fellows play.

Don't expect the public to pay a dollar for twenty-five-cent ball. However, in the rural districts the Legion should be able to place strong teams and win popular favor. Remember that often the gate receipts are the life blood of a league.

A formidable obstacle in the way of organizing a Legion league is the competition with semi-pros, industrial and factory leagues in bidding for the services of Legionnaires. To ask a player capable of making five to twenty-five dollars a game with outside teams to line up with the Legion nine is asking much in these hard times. Personally I favor paying these men, but I don't think average players should hold up the club treasury. Such questions will arise, and it takes tact and common sense to settle them.

The problem of money brings to mind the amateur question. I believe that a player should not be condemned for accepting money for his services. As a ball player's days are limited he can't be blamed for realizing on his ability. Regarding small payments to players, no less a person than President Faunce of Brown University ruled years ago that Brown students playing on summer baseball teams would not be barred as professionals from the college nine. I need not enlarge on the ethics of amateur and professional sport, but I do say this: Don't breed sneaks and hypocrites in Legion leagues by pretending to be lily-white amateurs in the open and then slipping money to players on the quiet.

An important feature in organization is the schedule. Let the directors consider transportation, convenience, traditional rivalries between towns, holiday dates, and the general welfare of

the league in drawing up schedules. The directors shouldn't hesitate to change the schedule if some unexpected celebration in a town will bring out a good crowd. Let the directors use common sense in this as in other questions concerning the league.

Of prime importance is the selection of capable managers. A good manager can induce public organizations to provide uniforms, see that the players obey the rules, start the games promptly, pay bills, give the public good baseball, enrich the post, win a trophy for the post's trophy cabinet and advertise the name of the post. He can see that extravagance and foolish and unnecessary bills do not dribble away the profits, yet not be niggardly in expenditures—in short, a manager who will make the league a success.

In general I might add that the league should not break up if the weak members drop out. Draw up a new schedule and keep going. Don't import Legion members from other posts to bolster up a weak team. Don't kill your league by underhand methods. Every man that wore a uniform in the World War should be eligible for a place on Legion teams.

Look at the advantages a Legion league has in its favor—a large number of young men to draw from including school, college, and old professional stars. The support of the townspeople provided the Legion gives a good article of ball. The co-operation of civic bodies which may be induced to furnish uniforms. Compactness of the league in organization due to the Legion's being behind it, which support will minimize trivial disputes and do away with the necessity of the ironclad by-laws which other leagues often find necessary.

What an opportunity for a record season! Come on, men! Snap into it! Let's go, buddy! Play ball!

## The Legion Flower, a May Child

(Continued from page 13)

For those members who have children, too, the choice of the daisy as the Legion flower affords a splendid opportunity to get the children interested in gardening, in caring for and beautifying the house grounds, by appealing to their patriotism and to their natural affection for this particular flower.

All children love daisies. What little girl lives who, if she ever saw a daisy, did not pull the petals off one by one, exclaiming, "He loves me—he loves me not. He loves me—he loves me not"? For that matter, most little boys have tried the same thing, substituting "she" for "he," and assuming, during the operation, a proper attitude of ironic contempt for the entire proceeding. One of the most vivid recollections of my childhood is of a large colored card, or small picture, which stood on top of the walnut whatnot, and depicted a small girl, holding in her hand what was left of a daisy from which she had pulled all the petals, and exclaiming petulantly,

I don't care what the daisy says,  
I'm sure to be married one of these days!

The love of the daisy, then, is deep-seated and instinctive among American

children. It will require no effort at all to give a child an interest in this flower. But add, now, to this instinctive affection, the patriotic interest, because the daisy is the official flower of the Legion, and you have a double hold. Suggest, therefore, that the children dig up a few daisy plants, bring them into the yard or the garden, and keep them weeded and cared for to see how large and handsome they will grow. Go out with them to hunt the plants. And, while they are bringing in the daisies, why not bring in a few buttercups to go with them?

But, if they get daisies and buttercups, why not, after all, bring in two or three more wild flowers too, and have a little wild flower corner in the garden—of course with the daisies as the centre and chief attraction? The yellow daisy, or black-eyed Susan, ought to be represented, because it is the American cousin of the white; it is the American Indian, while the white daisy is the colonist from England. Then there are violets, of course, and bloodroot, and hosts of other wild flowers to pick from. The whole point is to use the daisy as the means to an end, the end of getting the children interested in growing flowers, in making the yard or garden more attractive.

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There is nothing lovelier than an American country roadside, or an old field run to a riot of daisies and buttercups and red clover. Yet, after all, how few of us ever think of them as beautiful, at any rate think of them as gardens? We are anything but 100 percent American in our gardening. We use geraniums from South Africa, marigolds from some place equally remote, tulips from Holland, larkspur from China, and so on. There are very few American gardens which are even five percent American. Not that I would scorn the foreign flowers, but why not have some of our own, too? The daisy has now been here long enough to be called our own. Any plant which has become a wild flower may be classed as a native. Why not bring in around our houses a little of the charm of our roadsides and fields, that charm which is so homelike and so distinctively American? In other words, why not plant a few daisies in our yards for a starter, and show what is the real mark of respect to an official flower—the respect that admits it into the garden?

Of course, you can eat the daisies if you want to. I don't want to, but I have seen a book on the food plants of Great Britain which says they are edible—not the blossoms, of course, but the leaves, which are to be cooked for greens in the spring. However, there are plenty of better greens, including dandelions. Dandelions, now, are by way of becoming popular for their blossoms, too. You take a quart measure of the blossoms and—but I believe it's against the law to go into further details.

No, I think daisies were not meant to eat, but to look at, to look at nodding in the fields, making a white mass of bloom in the corner of the garden or along the path to the door, above all woven in a wreath and set on the head of a little girl. The daisy is a beautiful flower, but yet, in the good old sense, it is a homely flower. Everybody knows it, everybody loves it, everybody can find it near his house, and, if he wants to, dig it up for nothing and plant it in his garden. And because it is a homely flower, a democratic flower, and the flower best beloved of all American children, I'm glad the Legion chose it, and I hope every member will plant it by his house, as a symbol of this democracy of the beauty of common things.

I want to quote a poem about the daisy now—not an English poem, about the English daisy (there are many lovely poems about that flower), but a poem by Bliss Carman about our own white blossoms. The poem is called "Daisies," and it is, I think, worthy of the flower, and worthy of reading or teaching to our children when we go with them to gather the plants to set out in our gardens:

Over the shoulders and slopes of the dune  
I saw the white daisies go down to the sea,

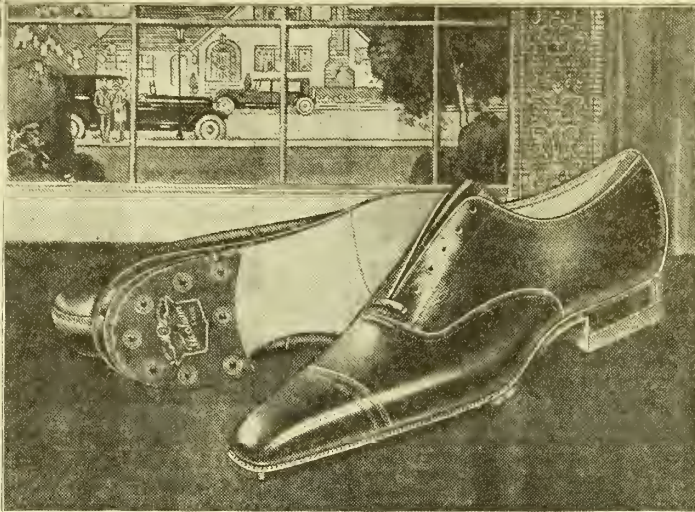
A host in the sunshine, an army in June,  
The people God sends us to set our heart free.

The bobolinks rallied them up from the dell,  
The orioles whistled them out of the wood;

And all of their saying was, "Earth, it is well!"

And all of their dancing was, "Life, thou art good!"

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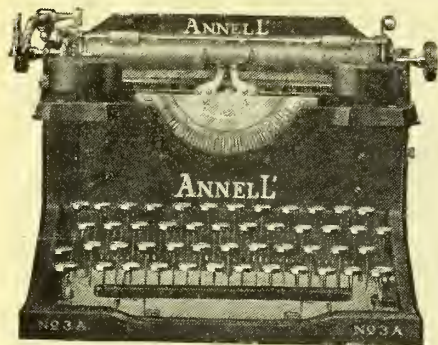
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# Three Helmets

By George A. Paravicini

They are resting on the mantel in a nicely ordered line,  
The Heinie's and the Poilu's and the Sammy's (that was mine);  
And often in the evening when my daily tasks are o'er,  
I have time for reminiscence, and a pipeful, and a snore.

Oh! the Heinie's in the haven where the quiet Heinies go,  
And the Poilu's tilling sunlit fields where crimson poppies blow;  
And the Sammy sits and eyes 'em, while about him, on the floor,  
There is being staged a battle in a miniature war.

There's a faultless line of soldiers, all of lead, a-waiting there,  
Just to hear the word to start them to attack the Sammy's chair;  
And the cavalry's a-charging, and the rider is, of course,  
A small edition Sammy, on a rampant rocking-horse.

And the commissary's near him, and her cheeks are like a rose,  
Just at present she is detailed sewing buttons on his clothes;  
While the fire is popping shrapnel—in the hollow by the flare  
Many old familiar faces pause awhile a-laughing there.

Oh! the Heinie's in the haven where the quiet Heinies go,  
And the Poilu's tilling sunlit fields where crimson poppies blow;  
The Sammy? He'll be dozing in the rosy years to come  
By the fire, in Sammy heaven—though he mostly calls it "Home."

# Forget-Me-Nots of Avocourt

By F. A. Boylan

Ex-Captain, 146th Infantry, 37th Division

HE came to me on a busy day at Camp Lee—one of many soldiers from a depot brigade—to fill my company to combat strength for immediate service "over there." Eighteen years hung so lightly on the cherub's brow that at the first glance I thought him too young for the man's task he would soon have to face. His kind disposition, his eagerness, his soft Southern speech and his very boyishness drew me to him more than I can say and so I gave him work that kept him near me a great deal of the time.

The day before the regiment hiked to City Point to take river steamers to Newport News, his mother—a sweet, old-fashioned woman—came from Richmond to tell him good-bye. He introduced me to "Mumsie," as he called her, and before she left camp she told me with tears in her eyes to watch out for her baby boy. She gave me a sprig of forget-me-nots for remembrance—for remembrance of all American mothers with sons under Old Glory.

On the way over I saw him often and he spoke much of "Mumsie"—that she would not worry, that she was well and that her garden of blue forget-me-nots bloomed as she would like to have it. The day before we landed at Brest he moved up shyly to me near the rail of the transport and stopped my day dreaming by showing me an old tobacco tin. I had never seen him smoke and asked him why he carried it. Blushing, he told me it contained something that made "Mumsie" seem closer and asked me in case anything should happen to him to try to recover it. I gave it no more thought, but on several occasions in our training area in the Haute Marne I caught him looking at it with a far-away look in his eyes, and I thought, too, of sweet old "Mumsie" and her sprig of forget-me-nots.

Everything was in readiness for the offensive on the morrow. We were to jump off in front of Avocourt and only a few hours would find us in the midst

of a mighty conflict. I had premonitions as our barrage rolled overhead and we waited for zero hour—premonitions about the Cherub, and I thought again of "Mumsie" and about many American mothers, whose sons, I guessed, would soon be strewing the fields of the Argonne.

Zero hour came and we went over with the boy near me. He smiled and joked about the Hun as all went well in the early stages of our advance. The first kilometer covered, the resistance grew stiffer for the enemy began replying with machine gun and artillery fire from his unsilenced guns. Crossing a barbed wire entanglement and finding it rather difficult, the Cherub laughed and said, "I wish 'Mumsie' could see us now." A moment later the light of the world went out for me and when I reopened my eyes I was lying on a stretcher in an ambulance dressing station. Looking to my right, whom should I see but the Cherub, trying weakly to smile.

I guessed the same shell must have gotten both of us. I caught the medical officer looking at the youngster with a serious expression on his face—and by some intuition I felt "Mumsie" would soon be alone in the world. A short time later he made an effort to speak—it seemed to come so hard—and muttered, "Captain, rememba' the little tin and tell 'Mumsie' I love her. Tell her I always think of her forget-me-nots and that I see the flag in—the sunlight—away—up yonda—and—not —" and the Cherub went west—the boy of eighteen summers who had lived life to the hilt.

By my request a medical orderly found the tin in the boy's breast pocket. I opened it and, picking out a paper, noticed the tin was filled with nothing but dry earth. I gently unfolded the paper and read:

"Sweetheart Mumsie:

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I'll not be lonesome. With this note is a tin full of earth from your garden of forget-me-nots. Should things at any time take the serious turn, whoever reads this note will scatter the contents of the tin on me—and then may come the soil of France. You see, I won't be lonesome, Mumsie dear, for part of your flower garden and part of my own country—America—will lie forever near my heart."

I gave orders to see that his request should be carried out and somehow or other my eyes dimmed with tears—my little friend had gone down the glory road.

I gave the note personally to "Mumsie" after carrying it for months thinking it would be lost in the sending. Tears came to her eyes when she read, "Sweetheart Mumsie," but wiping them away and finishing the reading, she replied: "How beautiful, the lilies of France and the forget-me-nots of American mothers!"

When I think of France I shall always think of mothers, the Cherub and the little pale blue flowers.

## The Educational Work of the "Y"

THE closing of the Post, Divisional, Army, Agricultural, Farm and Vocational Schools in Europe, which were either run by, or originated in the Y. M. C. A. Army Educational Commission, came only with the withdrawal of troops from overseas. Owing to the desire of the soldiers to improve their training in peacetime pursuits, attested by the fact that 700,000 soldiers took advantage of the schooling offered in addition to the 11,000 enrolled in the Y. M. C. A. overseas correspondence school courses, the Y. M. C. A. educational work was not demobilized.

Free correspondence courses, including instruction, service, text books, drawing instruments and everything necessary to complete the work of the courses, were offered to ex-service men by the Y. M. C. A. beginning on November 1st, 1919. Up to the end of December, 1921, 24,314 men were enrolled in these schools. This number benefitted in addition to the 65,622 men who were given scholarships in all grades of schools from the most elementary to colleges and universities, trade and technical schools and Y. M. C. A. day and evening schools.

The Y. M. C. A. correspondence school is still in operation and is still granting scholarships to ex-service men. However, since September, 1921, largely at the suggestion of veterans, the plan has been modified and scholarships equal to half the cost of the course are being given. Many men preferred to stand part of the cost, and by following this policy, the available funds are helping a proportionately greater number of men.

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**L**EO HARTLEY of Haskell County Post, Satanta, Kansas, is the world's tallest Legionnaire. That is what is called a categorical statement. It means, members of the Legion, that if you have any taller candidates, bring 'em on. They must be more than seven feet high, though, to be eligible.

When Leo stepped on the measuring dinkus that the army medicos use to determine personal altitudes they had to take the top of the thing off. The doc felt lucky not to have to take some of the ceiling down. "Seven feet, one-half inch!" he announced. Leo may not have entered the Army as a private first class, but he went in, went through and came out as private class-by-himself.

Leo has served two years as sergeant-at-arms of Haskell County Post. His post adjutant, Jesse W. Reeve, took the picture of him shown herewith, using an XB special up-and-down extension lens, used chiefly in snapping pictures of the Eiffel Tower and the Washington Monument.

Leo is known as "Runt" Hartley to his Legion buddies. He served with the 237th Aero Squadron at Souther Field, Georgia. By occupation he is a rancher. Several years ago he traveled with a circus and for a time was exhibited at Coney Island, New York. But the pub-

licity was distasteful, and he returned to the harder work and smaller pay of the rancher.

Leo weighs 250 pounds, which is by no means excessive for his height; in fact, he is splendidly proportioned. He is not an athlete, though he has played on local baseball teams, where, according to Adjutant Reeve, his chief advantage is psychological.

"He practically always gets first base on balls," says Mr. Reeve, "as it is nearly impossible for the average pitcher to throw a strike for him without putting the ball over the catcher's head. His strength is in full proportion to his size. I never knew of him having a fight, or even getting mad, but I have seen him pick up a man of average size who happened to be annoying him and hold him by the collar with his feet swinging two feet above the floor until he promised to be good. Then Leo let him down again. Runt is simply a fine great big good-natured boy, popular with all who know him, and lives a life very similar to that of the other fellows on ranches around here, except for the slight annoyance of always being conspicuous wherever he goes. Folks who know him take little notice of his size; strangers usually stare their eyes out."

Leo Hartley is twenty-nine years old. He probably has his growth.

## The Clean-Up Campaign Carries On

**T**HE continued success in the last three months of the Clean-up Campaign conducted by the Veterans Bureau through its fourteen regional districts, with the assistance of The American Legion, is shown by the latest figures compiled by the central office in Washington. These show pronounced gains since January 21st. The totals by districts and for the whole country on that date were published in The

American Legion Weekly of April 7th. Following is a comparison of the countrywide totals of January 21st and of the second week in April:

|              | Total<br>Inter-<br>views | New<br>Com-<br>pensa-<br>tion<br>Claims | Physical<br>Exam-<br>ina-<br>tions | Hos-<br>pital-<br>ized | New<br>Voca-<br>tional<br>Train-<br>ing<br>Claims |
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| January 21.  | 145,450                  | 41,936                                  | 60,078                             | 4,685                  | 23,053  |
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## Help Your Disabled Buddy

THE queries given below are printed in behalf of disabled men seeking to get in touch with comrades whose aid is necessary to substantiate claims for government compensation. This magazine will publish further inquiries from men seeking proof of disabilities incurred in service, but can do so only after the usual means of obtaining the information have failed.

HERBERT F. ADAMS, Canisteo, N. Y., needs address of Capt. John Heilich, Q. M. C., under whom he served at Camp Morrison, Va., during fall of 1918 and spring of 1919.

FRANK W. DUNN, 26 Holyoke st., Springfield, Mass., wishes to hear from Maj. Thornton, formerly of Base Hosp. No. 16 in France.

EDWARD H. LINNEMANN, St. Joseph, Minn., would like to get in touch with Lt. Hale, 339th Fld. Art., who was located at St. Amant-Tallende, Puy de Dome, France, in order to secure affidavit for C. S. Ayers, at present in hospital in Springfield, Ill.

WILLIAM L. REGAN, Park Hotel, New Britain, Conn., wants to hear from former comrades of Co. C, 5th Mg. Bn.

C. B. TRUESDELL, Adjutant, Dwight Wood Post, Springfield, S. D., wants address of Maj. Walter N. Salisbury, M. C., formerly at Camp Dodge, Ia., to secure affidavit for comrade.

EVERETT L. TUCKER, Eddyville, Ky., formerly of 3d Inf., Eagle Pass, Tex.; 29th Mg. Bn. Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., and 2d Mg. Bn., Camp Funston, Kans., wants to hear from buddies who knew him in the service.

HOWARD T. WEIHS, 204½ S. Crockett st., Sherman, Tex., desires to locate Chaplain Crusius, 2d Bn., 143d Inf. and Maj. Helmes, in charge 36th Div. dressing station.

W. L. WILLIAMS, Volga, W. Va., seeks to locate Sgt. Leon Coleman and Sgt. John Davis, formerly of Co. C, 3d Mg. Bn.

SAM H. YOUNG, Ryegate, Mont., wants to hear from Capt. John F. Partridge, Sgt. W. J. Kenedy and Cpl. J. T. Bridges, of Co. I, 23d Eng., in regard to Robert Lee Young's insurance.



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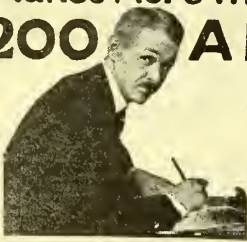
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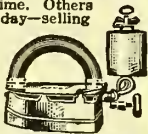
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# The Contract Hospital's Doom

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that 3,122 beds were available in existing government hospitals and that 3,010 additional beds would be in use before the end of 1922 in hospitals constructed under the \$18,600,000 appropriation of the spring of 1921. Counting the 3,950 beds to be provided under the \$17,000,000 appropriation in the Langley Law and the 2,260 additional beds for which recommendations have been made, to be paid for by additional appropriations, the Government would have a total of 11,940 beds for neuro-psychiatric patients at the end of three years.

Although there is no certain means of estimating just how many neuro-psychiatric patients must be cared for in government hospitals at the end of 1925, A. A. Sprague, chairman of the Legion's National Rehabilitation Committee, believes the number may reach as high as 15,000.

Included in the plan for carrying out the Langley Law, however, are provisions for special dispensary treatment, out-patient facilities and special training centers. When these provisions are in effect it is believed that the number of men in hospitals may be kept from becoming as large as it would otherwise be. The training centers are an especially important link in the chain of plans. The centers would take men who have been benefitted or who have recovered under the treatment given in hospitals and fit them for occupations in civil life which will not impose too great a strain upon their impaired mental and nervous machinery.

Under the new law, Director Forbes has sole authority to select the sites of the new hospitals and to construct them in the quickest and best way possible but the Director has signified his intention to follow the recommendations of the committee of expert consultants. These experts suggested the following projects:

**DISTRICT 1** (Mass., N. H., R. I., Vt. and Me.). A new 500-bed hospital, in the Connecticut Valley, in the western part of Massachusetts.

**DISTRICTS 3 and 4** (Pa., Del., Va., W. Va., D. of C. and Md.). A 200-bed addition to the hospital at Perryville, Md., for especial care of patients with psychoses.

**DISTRICT 7** (Ohio, Ind. and Ky.). A new

500-bed hospital, to be increased later to 1,000 beds.

**DISTRICT 8** (Mich., Ill. and Wis.). A new 1,000-bed hospital, to be increased later to 1,500 beds.

**DISTRICT 9** (Iowa, Mo., Kans. and Neb.). A new 500-bed hospital, to be increased later to 1,000 beds.

**DISTRICT 10** (Minn., N. D., S. D. and Mont.). A new 500-bed hospital.

**DISTRICT 13** (Ore., Ida. and Wash.). A new 250-bed hospital, to be increased later to 500 beds.

**DISTRICT 14** (Tex., Okla. and Ark.). Enlargement of Fort Logan H. Root, Little Rock, Ark., by adding 200 beds to 240 already authorized, capacity later to be raised to 750.

The consulting experts recommended the above hospital projects after studying the existing hospital accommodations in each of the fourteen districts of the Veterans Bureau, and after taking into consideration the new facilities which will be available before the end of this year under the \$18,600,000 appropriation of a year ago. They emphasized the need of new government hospitals to relieve overcrowded state and county and city institutions, in which the numbers of ex-service patients aggravate a problem created by the complete cessation of institutional building throughout the country during the war and thereafter. They pointed out that in these civilian institutions the recovery of mildly afflicted ex-service men is being retarded, in some cases being made permanently impossible, by their contact with violently insane patients, and that in any event these institutions afford only custodial care and not treatment.

Treatment and training are the outstanding factors in governmental care of the neuro-psychiatric veterans, the experts stated. They recommended that immediate steps be taken to organize staffs of physicians, nurses and social workers educated under the modern standards for the care of mental and nervous patients.

The foregoing facts constitute an outline of one big task which now faces the Veterans Bureau.

Now it's up to Director Forbes.

## The Plan for a Vocational Training Survey

A NATIONAL survey of the entire vocational training situation may be undertaken by The American Legion as a result of decisions reached at a conference of the members of the National Rehabilitation Committee held in Chicago early in April.

The Committee voted that Chairman A. A. Sprague should request the National Adjutant to make a survey of the rehabilitation work in the districts and sub-districts of the Veterans Bureau through department commanders. The committee also voted to accept the invitation of the Veterans Bureau to send representatives to a conference in Washington on the vocational training situation, and decided to recommend a national survey of conditions under the auspices of the Veterans Bureau.

At the Chicago conference the following resolution also was adopted:

**Resolved:** That it is the opinion of the National Rehabilitation Committee that no member should be appointed on any national committee who is at the same time an officer in any other national ex-service men's organization, and that if he is elected to such a position after becoming a member, that he should withdraw from membership on such committee.

This resolution was adopted after a discussion of the chairman's action in requesting the resignation from the Rehabilitation Committee of Judge Robert Marx of Cincinnati, Commander of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War.



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By Wells Hawks

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I miss the tra la,  
I'm missing those melody mornings.*

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And it lingers all the day;  
Sort of whispering and humming  
When you work or maybe play.  
Every tune you hear is bugles  
And they carry in their blow  
Just a symphony idyllic,  
Like a river's murmur'ing flow.  
*Chow, chow chow,  
Wish I had it now.  
Good old beans and Java,  
Wish I had it now.*

There's a beauty in the bugles  
When the clouds are red and gold,  
And tired folks are turning  
In the shadows to the fold;  
Night twinkles blue and silver,  
Spreads her blanket, falls asleep,  
And a cuddling soft contentment  
With your spirit starts to creep.  
*Setting sun,  
Work is done.  
Take your rest,  
Did your best,  
Loyal son,  
Good night.*

## Radioizing Nebraska

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sufficient wave length to reach all parts of the State, we could use the apparatus for Legion organization work. We could have an adjutant's talk each day, for example, so that posts might listen in and get the latest Legion information. We could have an S. O. S. code for legislative work, where the element of time might enter. And we could have our commander drop around once a week or so to make an address at post meetings. But best of all, we could give patriotic programs, open to all receiving sets operated by individuals or other organizations, on holidays and other times of year that might be especially fitting. These programs would be properly advertised and held at an opportune time of day to reach as large an audience as possible.

We could get in touch with National Headquarters and relay messages from the National Commander and the Nation Adjutant. We could arrange to talk to the school children in the State on interesting topics of Americanization. One might continue to cite many other things that could be done—things that are within the range of possibility and probably will be done tomorrow as a mere routine of our daily existence.

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# What the Legion Means to Our Town

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made; one man was not satisfied, for his claim was turned down, the only one of the 1,375 to be refused. But his claim certainly was rejected on good grounds, and everybody but the claimant admits it!

How does it happen that this post of less than 200 members had so many claims to adjust? The answer is simply that the comparatively few claims which members of the post had were adjusted so promptly and satisfactorily that men from surrounding communities began coming over for assistance with their claims. The post's reputation spread until it was receiving requests for help from all over the Middle West, and these claims were all taken up and settled.

Perhaps you can imagine, therefore, the reputation which has grown up around our post. It must be powerful, the home folks argue, if it can produce results of that sort. And so powerful an organization is well worth paying some serious attention to—which may explain some of the valuable results the post has been able to bring about in other fields.

While the Legion as a post has kept out of politics, the members are as active a group of politicians as ever you might care to see. The post encourages participation of its members in civic matters, they tell me. At least, I remember that few of the members took much interest in politics before there was a Legion.

But if the post has had to hold aloof from participation in party and personal politics as a post, it has jumped in with a will on every question of a project for bettering local conditions. The question came to a vote not long ago of whether we should have a new community high school. The post indorsed it, got out and worked for it and put it over—and the community will have a new school.

The women of the town have been recently making an effort to get a public library for the city. The Legion has indorsed that and thereby strengthened the movement.

And, speaking of endorsements, the post has been endorsed by every labor organization in Toluca, including, among several, the local of the United Mine Workers of America, which is made up of many nationalities. The endorsements were obtained because the Legion members went before the unions, argued their contentions and proved that the anti-Legion propaganda in labor organizations is based on false assumptions. The unions in our town are strong for The American Legion.

Another activity behind which the post has placed itself solidly is Americanization. The chaplain of the post, the Rev. Francis E. Walsh, holds classes in English three evenings a week. The class comprises some 15 members. These students are about to complete the course within a few weeks with a knowledge of the language at least sufficient to help them absorb some American ideas. They represent a sizable proportion of our non-English speaking population, now open to conversion to American ways of thinking and of living.

And just to take up a little more of his spare time, Chaplain Walsh is conducting the post's Boy Scout activities. The other members of the post get out on occasion, however, to drill the youngsters and teach them some of the military arts which are part of scouting. Incidentally, no one ever summoned enough enthusiasm to get a Boy Scout troop in Toluca until the Legion came flatly out and backed the chaplain. And I doubt the accuracy of the impression, which seems prevalent, that there is greater need for Scout activities in the big cities than in the small. It seems to me there could have been no place where a troop filled a want in the whole history of scouting greater than right in our home town. It has lined up the whole younger element on the side of good activity—and the Legion post, with its one hundred percent habit, brought into the troop every single youngster who is eligible.

Every town, large or small, has had its share of unemployment. But the Legion members have given us no trouble on that score. The post has managed to find jobs for all its members who needed them; at this time no Legionnaire is out of a job, and at no time have more than two or three needed work. That, I think, is a record any post might be proud of, and any city or town.

Not a funeral of an ex-service man of any American war has been held without the Legion taking charge of the ceremonies—and we have had, altogether, seven such funerals. The men have turned out in their uniforms and conducted the ceremony, and for two of the funerals got the unions, the lodges and the town council to take an official place in the cortege.

Not least, the post gets anywhere from one column to two columns, or even more, of news in every issue of the local weekly newspaper. Folks read about the Legion and what it is doing. They are interested in it; and because the post's activities, and the national organization's, have such infinite ramifications in the life of our community and our nation, the people are inspired to greater interest in these broader affairs.

I have hardly touched on some of the things the post has done, for they are always up and doing—things which are significant as they teach us the proper attitude toward our country, though in themselves they are comparatively small. I refer to such things as the proper respect for the flag and the national anthem.

But let me go on record once and for all: The American Legion is today one of the greatest influences for good in our community. It is an informal, but highly effective, arm of the Government and a force for civic righteousness. And I, as mayor of a typical small American city, would have a harder job than I have if we had no local post. What is more, if a particularly difficult situation were to arise, I can think of no direction in which I should turn for assistance so quickly as I would to our post of The American Legion.

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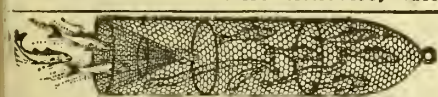
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## Knights of Propaganda

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to carry on the fight. The "party" was started by the enemy anti-aircraft guns while the air still was filled with the fluttering white leaves of propaganda that wafted slowly downward from the American machines. The aim was poor, however, and although the fire was heavy no damage was done by the bursting shrapnel. While the American fliers were still within the enemy barrage, dodging about among the puffs of smoke that marked the bursting of anti-aircraft shells, five enemy land chasse planes and two hydroplanes were seen taking off and climbing rapidly to offer combat.

The hydroplanes disappeared after the first few bursts from the American machine guns and took no further part in the fighting. That equalized the number of planes on each side—five to five. Three of the Austrians jockeyed into a position to the west of the Americans, hoping to cut them off from the Porto Corsini base, while the other two enemy planes remained to the northeast.

The air was filled now with the rattle of machine guns from all ten planes as each gunner opened upon an enemy. Ensign Ludlow, leading the chasse machines, saw the three Austrian planes blocking his homeward flight and gave the signal to attack. Leading the attack himself he dived down with his guns blazing. Parker and Hammann followed but Ensign Voorhees could not enter the combat because both of his machine guns jammed when he began to fire. Under these conditions he was forced to withdraw from the battle but even then he did not start for home, but climbed high above the combatants and remained there in a position to render whatever aid an unarmed fighter might.

Ensign Ludlow attacked the center machine of the Austrian group and then turned to the machine on the left, while Ensign Parker continued the attack on the center plane. The enemy pilot took to a nose dive to escape but Parker followed on his tail until his right gun jammed. Then he pulled up and, turning his only remaining gun upon the Austrian above him, he forced the battle to close quarters. At a critical moment his left gun also jammed and he left the fight to reload and unjam his guns.

Two Americans were now out of the fight. This was the moment chosen by the two Austrian planes that stood to the northeast to enter the combat, making the odds five to three against the Yankees. Ensign Hammann immediately engaged the two newcomers single-handed. Meanwhile Ensign Ludlow's engine had been damaged by bullets and almost immediately his motor broke down from the damage it had suffered and his plane caught fire. He had tried to burst through the enemy ring and start for home when he first observed the condition of his machine but the roar of flames about him drove from his mind any idea of getting away in safety.

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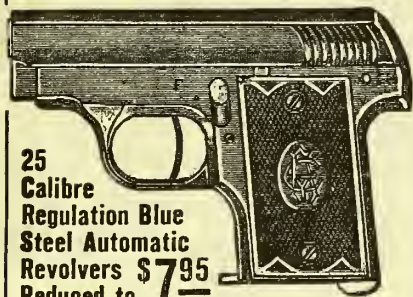
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accident or a sudden decision that changed the Austrian pursuer's mind—for he altered his course and glided off towards his base. Ensign Ludlow went into a final spin and landed five kilometers outside Pola harbor. Meanwhile Parker had got both his guns working again and had returned to the fight. He and Hammann drove off the remaining Austrians and then Hammann, who had seen his leader falling in flames dived down to offer what aid might be needed.

The sight Hammann witnessed as he landed and taxied up assured him that his comrade was still alive but it must have caused misgivings as to his sanity. Ludlow was going through what at a distance appeared to be a dervish dance on the sinking plane. His arms thrashed out and then he would grasp an upright and kick savagely first with one foot, then with the other.

"What are you doing?" cried Hammann when he came within hailing distance.

"Kicking holes in the wings so she'll sink," answered the flight leader as he paused for a moment. Then his footwork began again until the wings were shreds. As he had already opened the photographic port of the machine and allowed it to flood with water, the sinking process was going on rapidly. When it seemed well on the way he leaped overboard and climbed into Hammann's machine where he made himself comfortable, sitting on the boat directly under the engine for the homeward flight. As they rose from the water and headed for Porto Corsini

they observed Ludlow's machine had not yet gone down and to make sure that it would not fall into enemy hands Ensign Hammann poured 100 rounds into it from his machine guns.

The homeward voyage of seventy-five miles was made without incident until the landing stage in the canal was reached. There the machine turned over and was completely wrecked but the two aviators swam out with only minor bruises and cuts to show for their adventure. Examination showed that there were many bullet holes in the bow of Ensign Hammann's boat and that the bottom had been broken when he took off with Ludlow as a passenger.

The whole affair, from the time of starting until the safe return to Porto Corsini of all the pilots, had occupied less than three hours.

The rewards, you ask, for wartime distribution of handbills? Well, to Ensign Hammann was given the right to wear a rosette of light blue with white stars when in civvies, and when in uniform a two-inch bit of the same colored ribbon, the decoration of the Congressional Medal of Honor, which is the highest tribute the United States pays to its fighting men for bravery, "over and above the call of duty." And the ironic tragedy is that within a year—on June 14, 1919—Hammann was killed in a peacetime flight at Langley Field, Texas.

Ludlow and Parker received the Navy Cross for their part in the day's work.

It makes a lot of difference whether you call a printed leaflet a handbill or a propaganda sheet.

## Keeping Step with the Legion

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ably fear a suggestion to that effect might be interpreted as a slight or an evidence of the "forget the war" spirit. If the Legion post takes the initiative, none of this criticism can arise. It will provide a happy solution to the problem.

Far from indicating a "forget the war" attitude, the burning of an honor roll can be made the occasion of rekindling the town's interest in its service men. People will turn out for a fire who would not stir from their own hearths to hear Shakespeare give a reading from his plays. This does not mean, of course, that the burning of an honor roll should be made the occasion for a wild hullabaloo ending up with a snake-dance. Even the bonfire set by the local high school to celebrate a victory over a neighboring football team had its origin in the use of fire as part of a religious rite, and the honor roll ceremony can be made as dignified as need be.

bers of the post, others were members elsewhere, some were not members at all. Their disabilities differed from one or two who were bedfast to others who were up and outdoors a little and able to go auto riding as opportunity offered.

Both days were observed in a manner appropriate both to the occasion and to the magnitude of the city.

The proceeds of a poll tax of a two-cent postage stamp among the local Legion membership would have afforded a golden opportunity for establishing an enduring affection for The American Legion by providing auto accommodations for all the hospitalized ex-service men on either one or both of those occasions. But the opportunity was neglected. No representative of the Legion even called at the hospital and the only part of either day's program available to the convalescing men was an occasional glimpse of the parade crossing the river bridge about a mile away.

The hospitalized members of the post keenly felt the neglect; those who were members elsewhere felt that their home posts would have done differently, while those who would have been but were not members did not express any remarkable anxiety about joining.

All names have been purposely omitted to the end that, if space is given to the incident, it may serve as a helpful suggestion and not as a harsh criticism.

## Memorial Day and the Living

THE following letter did not reach us unsigned; for obvious reasons we prefer to publish it without furnishing any clue to the writer or the city from which he writes:


Last Memorial Day and on last Fourth of July some ex-service men were undergoing treatment at a hospital in a city of 30,000 population where the local Legion post boasted a strength of nearly 1,000 members. Some of the patients were mem-

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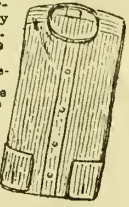
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## Daisy and Poppy

SOME confusion is apparent in the minds of Legion and Auxiliary members as to the status of the daisy and the poppy. It is not altogether a case of the battle of the flowers or the wars of the roses over again—presumably with the Legion posts in Lancaster and York, Pennsylvania, in the title rôles. We forget which was red and which was white, but we think the York contingent was red. This department, however, is not a compendium of early English or late Keystone history, and besides, there ain't no war.

The difference is this: The daisy is the Legion's official flower; the poppy is the Auxiliary's memorial flower. Conversely, as the geometries say, the Legion has no memorial flower nor the Auxiliary an official flower, so no possible harm is done if Legionnaires use the poppy on Memorial Day or if Auxiliary members festoon their meeting rooms with daisy chains.

The Legion adopted the daisy on the ground that it was an American flower. The ceremonials committee made the following recommendation to the Kansas City Convention, and it was adopted:

Your committee has received numerous communications complaining of the poppy as The American Legion flower on the ground that it is not an American flower, that it is not available for use except in artificial form, and that as such it lacks the grace and decorative qualities of a real flower. Very many of those complaining have suggested the American daisy instead of the poppy. Your committee recommends the substitution of the daisy for the poppy as the official flower of The American Legion for use in ceremonials.

Just which flower the committee meant by "the American daisy" they did not state, but it may be assumed that it meant the common white daisy as Mr. Walter Prichard Eaton points out on another page of this issue.

Some departments are taking advantage of the very fact that the poppy is unavailable as a real flower to buy artificial poppies made by disabled men in hospitals. And last winter, when even the daisy wasn't to be had in its natural state, the Massachusetts Legion sold artificial daisies and netted some \$46,000 for needy and sick veterans.

## The Card League

FIVE of the 20 blue-ribbon departments which comprise the Legion's Subscription Card League are now in the .900 class not counting over-the-top Florida. The following table shows the proportion of Weekly subscription cards received in this office to paid-up membership as of December 31, 1921:

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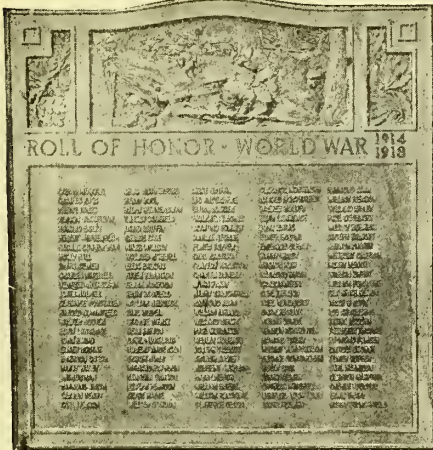
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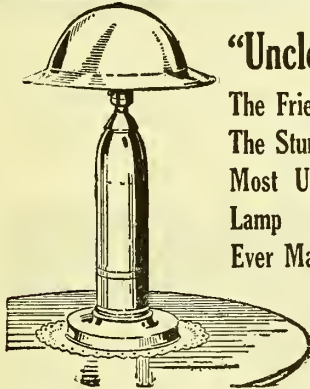


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# THE VOICE OF THE LEGION

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## Paging Herr Bergdoll

To the Editor: Will you not, through the Voice of the Legion, page Herr Grover C. Bergdoll as I understand that a vacancy will exist this fall in his Congressional district in Philadelphia? From the pacifistic and reactionary attitude of a great part of our citizenship, he ought to win easily.

What with Eugene V. Debs released, hailed as a hero, and defiant and insolent as ever; Thomas Watson, leader of a greater organized resistance to the draft laws than any other man given a seat in the Senate; what with the magnates of the shipyards, munitions plants, etc., damning the Compensation Bill; and the "bucketeers" of Wall and adjoining streets hurling anathemas on the "bonus raiders," "sellers of patriotism," ad libitum, ad nauseam, I intend, if the near future does not show a lot of improvement, to introduce a resolution to the American people proposing that we turn this country back to the Indians, apologizing for the terrible condition in which we are returning it.

Here is hoping that the poor bankers, munitioneers, traders against customers' orders, and such, do not become so exasperated and worked up over the "raid on the Treasury" that they do anything so rash as to emulate the example of the French patriots and take their Liberty Bonds out in the street and make a bonfire of them.—T. HUBERT MACCAULEY, Newark, N. J.

## The Veteran's Duty

To the Editor: If I were asked to define The American Legion, I would say that it represents enough physical energy and mental ingenuity to save our flag. It also represents our illustrious forefathers, the colonial settlers whose every heartbeat emphasized the language of the soul, crying out, "Give us liberty and freedom of speech."

The ex-service man received freedom from military service, and many received freedom from work, shelter and food when they re-entered civilian life. Many came to themselves, when they realized the conditions confronting them, while others are wandering. Misunderstanding, selfishness, and a lack of fellowship with their comrades represents the banner behind which this last class is marching.

If every man who was in the service, belonged to the Legion this wandering class would not exist. This class wants sympathy and daily praise of their service in the Army, and because they do not receive it, they are wandering, doing what they can to tear down the Legion's standard, joining antagonistic orders, and showing an indifference to their Government and their comrades.

The soldier should not ask for sympathy. He has earned his right to citizenship and shown a reverence for his inheritance by offering himself as a sacrifice upon the altar of patriotism.

The Government appreciates this and honors him. But he must remember that when he returns to civilian life, he must lay aside his military laurels. He must learn to differentiate between army and civilian life. The only thing that he must bring back is a feeling of love for his flag, knowing that he had a part in maintaining its dignity and safety. He must feel that his work has only begun when he re-enters civilian life. It was his duty to help preserve the nation. He succeeded and now he must direct his attention to matters pertaining to its future welfare. This cannot be accomplished by telling everyone that he is an ex-service man and looking for personal praise. It can only be accomplished by affiliation with his comrades.

The united soldier body can so direct the nation's affairs as to be a help to the coming generation. Surely if you had enough pride and patriotism to fight for your country, you should have enough interest in its future to help make its laws. Don't return to civilian life thinking that you have no responsibility, because now is the time the burden falls upon you. You have your own success to work out and also the Government's. This calls for principles and a fixed purpose.

There is a civilian legion, representing a membership of those who stand by the soldier now as they did during the war, and with their co-operation, The American Legion can combat those classes which are antagonistic to the Government and the soldiers. People who have read the Constitution of the United States and believe in it, can see the force and dignity that bespeaks the character of this, our great nation, and they appreciate the efforts of The American Legion which represents both the ex-service man and the civilian.—BURTON A. WASHBURN, Paducah, Ky.

## A Trade Mark for the Disabled

To the Editor: Before leaving for France in 1918 I wrote a letter to Surgeon-General Gorgas setting forth some ideas about a registered trade mark for the salable hand-made products and the service of disabled ex-service men. General Gorgas replied that he thought the idea a good one and that he had referred it to Colonel So-and-so in his office for further consideration. There in a pigeon-hole the idea was buried. Very often good ideas are buried in official pigeon-holes because the official owner of the pigeon-hole did not originate the idea.

Since that time and more especially during the past year, because of my dealings with ex-service men in large numbers, the thought has often come back to me that the disabled ex-service man who makes an article to sell or has a service to sell should have a trade mark to place on his article, his advertisement, or his shop window. If, for example, he makes an axe handle to sell there should be provided for him a trade mark on a sticker to attach to it to show prospective buyers that a disabled ex-service man made it. If the Veterans Bureau teaches a man to repair shoes, to make window signs, to repair watches, etc., there should be a registered trade mark to put on his shop window so the passers-by would know that a disabled ex-service man was running the shop.

It need hardly be stated that the trade mark should be fully advertised and that it should be protected against misuse. I have presented this idea to all sorts and conditions of men, all of whom have given enthusiastic approval to it. The problem is: How can it be put across before the men who need it die of old age or starvation? All that it is intended to do is to make known the disabled ex-service men who need help to the millions of others who could and would help them in a business way.—DR. JOHN POTTS, Ft. Worth, Texas.

## In Dressy Blue?

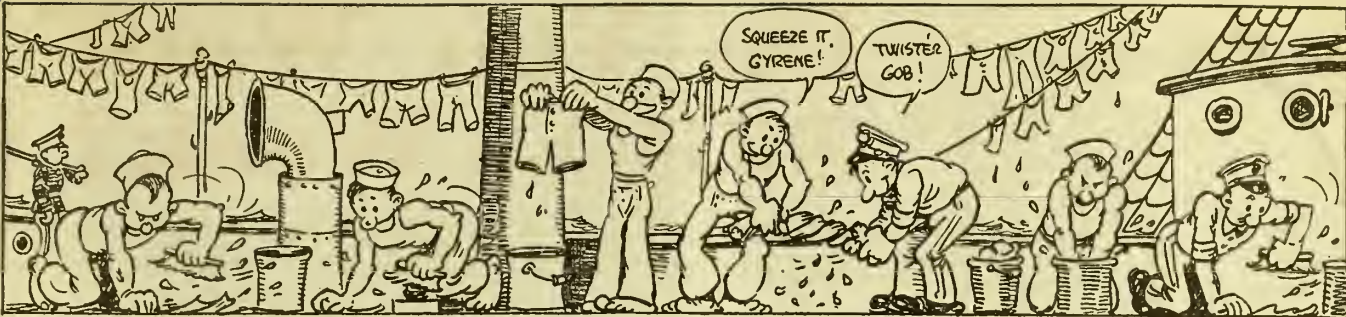
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And when the boatswain's mate would pipe "Scrub and wash cloe's"—Wow! The old home began to look like One Lung's joint, just around the corner off Main Street, and the ocean picked up enough foam to spoil a dinner for a school of mermaids, 461 fathoms, due south.

Washing was catch-as-catch-can. You could scrub by counts, 1-2-3-4, or by cussing. You could use a deckbrush or a toothbrush. You could squeeze a shirt, or wring it out over a life-line. You had just one order, "Go wash, young man, go wash." You'd use up enough saltwater Kivory between two swats at the ship's bell to furnish soap-bubbles for a fleet of kindergartens.

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pretty soon, where he can get some soap. Nature will clothe Matey—and clothe him quick. And we hear about washing machines, too, but without any knowledge of where they can be had. They say cleanliness is next to godliness. If that's true, the Weekly's columns are divinely clean of soap advertising. Not a line—not a clothesline—you can stop your duds on.

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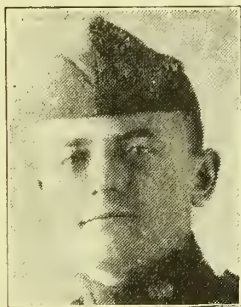
Within the past few weeks I have paid \$20,000 to Legion Men. Many of them are earning ten dollars for a day's work. The records below show how Legion Men and others have made a success of this splendid work. I offer to any Legion Man a special proposition that will enable him to get started without investing a penny and without a bit of delay. Read the records and then mail the coupon.



Howard Davis of Ohio has made a start by earning \$285 a month during his spare time.



Albert J. Collins made a net profit of \$46.50 for fifteen hours' work. He made \$10.50 in two hours. He says, "I don't know where a fellow can find a better job than representing the Comer Mfg. Co."



George Garon of Massachusetts writes: "Yesterday morning I started on the new job and in the evening found I had made \$40 profit. I think that's a pretty good start. I am in body and soul to reach the thousand dollar mark before this month is out."

## Notice

The Comer Manufacturing Company is the largest business of its kind in the world. Any man who becomes a representative is assured of fair, square, honest treatment and will have reason to be proud of his connection with the company.

# Do You Want \$200 a Week?

## The Amazing Story of Carl A. Rowe and How His Income Jumped from \$200 to \$1000 a Month

My name is Rowe—Carl Rowe. I live in a small city in New York State.

I am going to tell you an amazing story about myself. It may seem too strange to believe, but you can easily verify everything I have to say.

Two years ago I was a baker. I was struggling along, trying to make the money in my pay envelope meet the increasing expenses of our family. There was no prospect for the future.

Today, just two years later, I am a successful business man. I have plenty of money for all the things we need and want. Last month I made \$876 during my spare time, and was able to put \$200 a week in my savings account.

And I'm going to tell you how it happened.

Please remember that two years ago I had no surplus cash. I was in the same fix as nine out of ten other men. Expenses were constantly mounting, and my salary, although it had increased, could not keep pace with the cost of living. My wife had to do without things that I knew she ought to have. We wanted an automobile, but we couldn't afford it. We wanted to buy our own home, but couldn't afford that.

It made me almost desperate to think of what might happen if I became sick or lost my job. I worried about it, and so did my wife. We were living from hand to mouth, and we didn't know what calamity and hardship might be lurking just around the corner.

And yet—today—I own our nine-room house. I have an automobile. I have money for books, the theater, or any other pleasures that I may want. I have the cash today to educate my son and send him through college.

Here is how it happened. One day in glancing through a magazine I read an advertisement. The advertisement said that any man could make from a hundred to three hundred dollars a month during his spare time.

I didn't believe it. I knew that I worked hard eight hours a day for \$50.00 a week, and I figured that no man could make that much during a couple of hours a day spare time.

But as I read that ad I found that it pointed to men who had made that much and more. In the last paragraph the advertiser offered to send a book without cost. I still doubted. But I thought it was worth a two-cent stamp, so I tore out the coupon and put it in my pocket, and the next day on my way home from work I mailed it.

When I look back to that day and realize how close I came to passing up that ad, it sends cold chills down my spine. If the book

had cost me a thousand dollars instead of a two-cent stamp, it would still have been cheap. All that I have today—an automobile, my home, an established business, a contented family—all these are due to the things I learned by reading that little eight-page booklet.

There is no secret to my success. I have succeeded, beyond any dream I may have had three years ago, and I consider myself an average man. I believe that I would be criminally selfish if I did not tell other people how I made my success.

All the work I have done has been pleasant and easy, and withal, amazingly simple. I am the representative in this territory for a raincoat manufacturer. The booklet that I read was one issued by that company. It tells any man or woman just what it told me. It offers to anyone the same opportunity that was offered to me. It will give to anyone the same success that it has brought to me.

The Comer Manufacturing Company are one of the largest manufacturers of high-grade rain coats in America; but they do not sell through stores. They sell their coats through local representatives. The local representative does not have to buy a stock—he does not have to

invest any money. All he does is take orders from Comer customers and he gets his profit the same day the order is taken. Fully half of my customers come to my house to give me their orders. My business is growing bigger every month. I don't know how great it will grow, but there are very few business men in this city whose net profit is greater than mine, and I can see only unlimited opportunity in the future.

## SPECIAL OFFER TO LEGION MEN

If you are interested in increasing your income from \$100 to \$1,000 a month and can devote all your time or only an hour or so a day to this same proposition in your territory, write at once to The Comer Manufacturing Company, Dayton, Ohio. They have a special offer for Legion Men only. They will send you, without any preliminary correspondence or red tape, a complete selling outfit with full instructions, samples, style book, order book and everything you need to get started. Sign and mail the coupon now and in less than a week you can be making more money than you ever believed possible.

## Mail This Coupon at Once

The Comer Mfg. Co., Dept. F-425, Dayton, Ohio

I am a Legion Man and want to start as a Comer representative. Please send me, without any expense or obligation to me, complete outfit and instructions.

Name.....

Address.....